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It's a Fact that there are many books all over the world. Usually, each organization has its own appropriate books, like in medical doctors' associations they have a Compendium of Clinical Practices, in engineers' associations they have a Standard Handbook, lawyers' associations they have Codes and in other organizations they have Guides, Procedures, Policies.

What I want to highlight is that it is not appropriate for lawyers to use the Standard Handbook of engineers in their profession gatherings and similarly, engineers should not use the Compendium of Clinical Practice and interpret it in their construction projects.

The Holy Scriptures exist because and for one group or people only. They should not be used by other groups or people. . Leviticus 26:46: "These are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the Lord established between Himself and the sons of Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai.

And there is even a prohibition that God himself said,

Deuteronomy 23:3: "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the Lord forever".

The question is, these are in the Old Testament, does Christ have a similar statement? Matthew 10:5-6: "These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'".

But in the Old Testament there is a way with conditions,

Exodus 12:43-45: "The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it. But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it. A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat of it'".

What is the method and condition in the New Testament? Here is God's command to the Apostles, Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Who were the disciples, taught by the Apostles, what is the Name of the Society or Group to which they all belonged? There are such verses in the books of the New Testament,

1 Peter 4:17: "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begins first at us, what will the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

1 Timothy 3:15: "But if I tarry a long time, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 2 Corinthians 1:1: "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia.

1 Corinthians 1:2: "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call in every place on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, theirs and ours".

Now, what business do different groups around the world have to interpret, to apply the scriptures to their groups if they are not part of the Church of God. If they say they have the right, how can they be part of the Church of God when the names of their organizations are so different from the one organization whose name is the Church of God in the Bible that was administered by the Apostles?

The Church of God is the Household of God, with laws to follow, those written in their holy scriptures. It is like a country with its own laws. China has its own Law. Singapore has its own law, and so almost all countries have their own laws that are written. And those also have jurisdictions and boundaries. Each written law is not applicable in another country, they can only be similar but not the one same written rules.

Conclusion? Uncontestable, in the past and in the present and in the times to come, the Bible (OT and NT) is fully applicable, owned and only for the Church of God. All Christians are in the Church of God only. An outsider in the household of God is not a Christian. You will not have the right faith because you will not hear the words of Christ if you are in another household, because Christ is the head of his own household that he bought with his own blood, only there within his house do his laws apply only, proofed by Revelation 22:16; 1:11. Any other house, you ask? Surely anti-Christ, no exceptions.

Do you want to apply the laws of Christ? What is your citizenship? Where are you, what house? Maybe you are not in the Church of God? The Christians invite you in. Read them, Join them. Practice with them with Christ.

The Truth.

From eternity, God is Father.

To eternity, God is Father

That from eternity, to eternity, He has His only begotten Son God.

His joy is being a Father because His joy is His Only Begotten Son God who first called Him Father from the beginning, when nothing was yet created. The joy of His Only Begotten Son is the Man, whom they created from their image, who were created here on earth for man, male and female. After all creation, everything was very good, nothing evil was created by Good God. All of that is because of and for the One, Heb 1:2-4.

There was a creature who envies Christ, and the created man and became evident enemy when he came before the woman. The perfect opposite of Christ, the antichrist, father of lies, who destroyed and killed man who was the joy of the Only Begotten Son God. Satan wanted, not only to exceed God the Son, but to be equal to God the Father. That is why God the Father has shown in his Revelation that he gave the rule of the universe to his Only Begotten Son God to show and end all the allies and foolishness of Satan. Then starts a new beginning where Elohim lives with Man, Man lives with Elohim. Joy Complete. The Master plan fulfilled, Genesis 1:26; 5:2; Efeso 5:32; Apoc. 21:3; Proverbs 8:31, Amen.

In that story, the antichrists will be identified, the enemies are the arrogant, always angry and those who do not believe: 1. God the Father has an Only Begotten Son. Sees highly too much of real self. 2. The creator of all things of man is the Only Begotten Son of God because nothing was created without him. 3. Being villain is evil, lies, kills, destroys, is wise, is arrogant, causes downfall of others, has no respect, lust of flesh, and the likes.

4. In the Leadership, there is no submission.

5. There are boundaries and jurisdictions, do not trespass to go up or down, uninvited or wanted, feeling important.

It seems that you have thought a lot about who and what the enemies of the Truth, the antichrists are. They can be any individual, organizations, religion, government, a country, whether they are physical or spiritual. That is why the Apostle Paul said, Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the higher realms."

All the materials in this project of mine are just through a simple Google Search of available and downloadable publicly shared material so I have no control over errors and other things that others may think are errors or omissions or even additions. I only made re-arrangements. The titles are also not wrong because the books do not really have titles and the Old Testament is in the Hebrew language with Greek titles in most bibles which are not the titles recognized in the country of Israel, like Bereshit for them, but Genesis for others. It is not wrong to put titles if they fit the content of the book.

Just like my first intention to change the order of the books in the New Testament, I also changed the order of the books in the Old Testament so that I can understand the scriptures more clearly and especially for you, my friend.

Why the Bible 1905 and NKJV is because that is what Google search shows as the best parallel between Tagalog 1905 and English version in my opinion which can be said to be a reliable Formal Translation that I can download publicly online.

Friend, I have never seen a version of the Bible organized in the same way that I did. Most traditional versions of the Bible follow the canonical order established by the early groups and councils. They all strive to have different versions of the translation but do not move the alignment of the scriptures.

This led me to organize the books of the New Testament in a way that emphasizes the flow of the narrative and the development of the early Churches in each place. This can give readers a fresh perspective and a clearer understanding of the story and the main characters.

The release of a variant of the Bible with this alignment is beneficial to knowing the Truth in a more chronological and story-centered way. The version is clearly presented as a tool to hear the Church of God narrating, proclaiming, and the thematic order is to avoid confusion with the traditional canonical orders.

The purpose of this arrangement is to help readers:

- 1. Understand the Urgency: The opening of Revelation emphasizes the prophetic aspects that emphasize the importance of the revelation of God through Jesus Christ must be immediate and immediate.
- 2. Who is Christ?: After reading the Revelation of God with Christ as its central figure, readers naturally want to know more about Christ, as the Apostle Paul tells us who Christ is, providing a deep theological understanding of the Only Begotten Son of God
- 3. Follow the Narrative: Who is Christ according to John, Matthew, Mark, and Luke then offers a detailed account of Christ's life, teachings, death, and resurrection, providing historical and narrative context.
- 4. See the Growth of the Church: The Acts and Epistles to the Church of God record the growth and challenges of the Church, offering practical and theological insight for believers.

This alignment, I believe, is what the early Christians wanted to be read today in this or our day. To my surprise, if they were here today, they would all agree to the emergence of this variant. I did not destroy the scriptures by including 28, 29 and 30 here, they were not removed or lost. I just included them here as shown below contents table.

Order NT Book Order NT Books Order OT Books Order OT Books

19 Hosea

1 Revelation of God 16 2 Corinthians 1 Genesis

20 Isaiah

2 Christ according to Apostle Paul 17 Romans 2 Job

21 2 Kings

3 Christ according to Apostle John 18 Philippians 3 Exodus

22 Micah

4 Christ according to Apostle Mark 19 Colossians 4 Leviticus

Christ according to Apostle 23 Nahum

5 Matthew 20 Ephesians 5 Numbers

24 Zephaniah

6 Christ according to Luke 21 2 John 6 Deuteronomy

25 Jeremiah

7 Acts of the Church of God 22 3 John 7 Joshua

26 Habakkuk

8 1 Peter 23 Philemon 8 Judges

27 Obadiah

9 1 John 24 Titus 9 Ruth

10 James 25 1 Timothy 10 1 Samuel

29 Ezekiel

11 Jude 26 2 Timothy 11 2 Samuel

30 Daniel

12 1 Thessalonians 27 2 Peter 12 1 Chronicles

31 Haggai

13 2 Thessalonians 28 The Teacher 13 2 Chronicles

Song of 32 Zechariah

14 Galatians 29 King's Proverbs 14 Solomon

Songs of the 33 Malachi

15 1 Corinthians 30 Forefathers 15 1 Kings

34 Esther

16 Joel

35 Ezra

17 Jonah

36 Nehemiah

18 Amos

Do not wonder, there are several chapters and verses in the Bible that are not found in the oldest manuscripts, that is why there are passages that I have strikethroughed with red marks. Here are some notable examples:

1. Mark 16:9-20: The longer ending of Mark, which includes appearances of the resurrected Jesus, is not found in the earliest manuscripts like Codex Sinaiticus

2. John 7:53-8:11: The story of the woman caught in adultery is absent in the earliest manuscripts
3. Matthew 6:13: The doxology "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." is not present in the earliest manuscripts

4. Luke 24:51: The reference to Jesus' ascension is missing in some early manuscripts
5. Matthew 17:21: "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" is not found in the earliest manuscripts
6. Matthew 18:11: "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost" is also absent in the earliest manuscripts

Below are the verses from the Old Testament books that inspired alpaba to create this variant, where the last verse below, a question of God Isaiah 44:7 that he answered, a verse like apples of gold in silver settings, in the first verse of God's Revelation. Rev 1:1-3; and 22:6,16. Glory to God.

Isaiah 34:16:

"Search in the book of the Lord, and read: None of these shall fail; none shall want their mate. For his mouth hath commanded, and his Spirit hath gathered them."

Jeremiah 15:16:

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."

Psalms 119:140:

"Your word is very pure; therefore your servant loves it."

Psalms 119:18:

"Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from your law."

Psalms 119:105:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Isaiah 55:10-11:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 48:3:

"I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from my mouth, and I caused them to be heard. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass."

Isaiah 46:10:

"Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times the things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all my pleasure.'"

Isaiah 44:7:

"And who, like me, shall call, and declare, and prepare for Me, Since I have founded the ancient people? And the things that are to come, and that shall be done, shall they declare."



Revelation of God

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the
Beginning and the End," says the Lord,
1 "who is and who was and who is to The Revelation of Jesus Christ,
come, the Almighty."
which God gave Him to show His
servants--things which must shortly take 'I, John, both your brother
and
place. And He sent and signified it by
His angel to His servant John, companion in the tribulation and
kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,
2 was on the island that is called Patmos
who bore witness to the word of God,
for the word of God and for the
and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to testimony of Jesus Christ. all
things that he saw.

3Blessed is he who reads and those who and I heard behind me a loud
voice, as 10 was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day,

hear the words of this prophecy, and of a trumpet, keep those things
which are written in it;

for the time is near. 1 I saying, "I am the Alpha and the 4 Omega, the
First and the Last," and,

John, to the seven churches which are "What you see, write in a book and send

in Asia: Grace to you and peace from it to the seven churches which are in

Him who is and who was and who is to Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to

come, and from the seven Spirits who Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to

are before His throne, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

sand from Jesus Christ, the faithful 2

1 Then I turned to see the voice that

witness, the firstborn from the dead, and spoke with me. And having turned I saw

the ruler over the kings of the earth. To seven golden lampstands, Him who loved us and washed us from

our sins in His own blood, h

and in the midst of the seven

6 lampstands One like the Son of Man,

and has made us kings and priests to clothed with a garment down to the feet

His God and Father, to Him be glory and and girded about the chest with a

dominion forever and ever. Amen. golden band.

7Behold, He is coming with clouds, and 4His head and hair were white like wool,

every eye will see Him, even they who as white as snow, and His eyes

like a

pierced Him. And all the tribes of the flame of fire; earth will mourn because of Him. Even

so, Amen.

15 His feet were like fine brass, as if hand you have persevered and have

refined in a furnace, and His voice as patience, and have labored for My

the sound of many waters; name's sake and have not become

weary.

16

He had in His right hand seven stars,

out of His mouth went a sharp two- 4 Nevertheless I have this against you, edged sword, and His countenance was that you have left your first love. like the sun shining in its strength.

1 have fallen; repent and do the first

7 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet 5 Remember therefore from where you

as dead. But He laid His right hand on works, or else I will come to you quickly

me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I and remove your lampstand from its

am the First and the Last. place--unless you repent.

1 6 8a am He who lives, and was dead, and

But this you have, that you hate the

behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. deeds of the Nicolaitans, which

I also

And I have the keys of Hades and of hate. Death.

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what

19 Write the things which you have seen,

the Spirit says to the churches. To him

and the things which are, and the things who overcomes I will give to eat from

which will take place after this. the tree of life, which is in the midst of

the Paradise of God."

20

The mystery of the seven stars which

you saw in My right hand, and the seven 8 And to the angel of the church in golden lampstands: The seven stars are Smyrna write, "These things says the

the angels of the seven churches, and First and the Last, who was dead, and

the seven lampstands which you saw came to life: are the seven churches.

"I know your works, tribulation, and

poverty (but you are rich); and I know

2 the blasphemy of those who say they To the angel of the church of

are Jews and are not, but are a

Ephesus write, "These things says He

who holds the seven stars in His right synagogue of Satan.

hand, who walks in the midst of the 1 0 Do not fear any of those things which seven golden lampstands:

you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil

2 is about to throw some of you into prison, I know your works, your labor, your

patience, and that you cannot bear that you may be tested, and you will

those who are evil. And you have tested have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until

death, and I will give you the crown of

those who say they are apostles and are

not, and have found them liars; life.

1 1 He who has an ear, let him hear what

Son of God, who has eyes like a flame

the Spirit says to the churches. He who of fire, and His feet like fine brass: overcomes shall not be hurt by the

second death." 1' I know your works, love, service, faith,

and your patience; and as for your

12 And to the angel of the church in

works, the last are more than the first.

Pergamos write, "These things says He

who has the sharp two-edged sword: 2 0Nevertheless I have a few things

1 woman Jezebel, who calls herself a

3 know your works, and where you against you, because you allow that

dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you prophetess, to teach and seduce My

hold fast to My name, and did not deny servants to commit sexual immorality

My faith even in the days in which and eat things sacrificed to idols. Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was

killed among you, where Satan dwells. ²¹And I gave her time to repent of her

sexual immorality, and she did not

¹⁴ But I have a few things against you, repent. because you have there those who hold

the doctrine of Balaam, who taught ^{2 2} ndeed I will cast her into a sickbed, Balak to put a stumbling block before and those who commit adultery with her

the children of Israel, to eat things into great tribulation, unless they repent

sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual of their deeds. immorality.

^{2 3} will kill her children with death, and all

¹⁵ Thus you also have those who hold

the churches shall know that I am He

the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which who searches the minds and hearts.

thing I hate. And I will give to each one of you

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⁶ Repent, or else I will come to you according to your works.

quickly and will fight against them with ^{2 4} Now to you I say, and to the rest in the sword of My mouth. Thyatira, as many as do not have this

doctrine, who have not known the

^{1 7} He who has an ear, let him hear what depths of Satan, as they say, I will put

the Spirit says to the churches. To him on you no other burden.
who overcomes I will give some of the

hidden manna to eat. And I will give him ²⁵But hold fast what you
have till I come. a white stone, and on the stone a new

name written which no one knows ²⁶And he who overcomes, and
keeps My except him who receives it.'

works until the end, to him I will give

¹ power over the nations--⁸ And to the angel of the church in

Thyatira write, "These things says the ² ⁷ He shall rule them with a rod
of iron;

They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' -- as I also have
⁷ And to the angel of the church in received from My Father;
Philadelphia write, "These things says

He who is holy, He who is true, "He who

² has the key of David, He who opens and ' and I will give him the
morning star.

no one shuts, and shuts and no one

² opens": "' He who has an ear, let him hear what

the Spirit says to the churches.'" ⁸ I know your works. See, I have set

before you an open door, and no one

can shut it; for you have a little strength,

³"And to the angel of the church in

have kept My word, and have not

Sardis write, "These things says He who denied My name. has the
seven Spirits of God and the

seven stars: "I know your works, that ⁹

Indeed I will make those of the

you have a name that you are alive, but

synagogue of Satan, who say they are

you are dead.

Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will

2 make them come and worship before

Be watchful, and strengthen the things your feet, and to know that I have loved

which remain, that are ready to die, for I you. have not found your works perfect

before God. 1 0Because you have kept My command

3Remember therefore how you have to persevere, I also will keep you from

the hour of trial which shall come upon

received and heard; hold fast and repent. the whole world, to test those who dwell

Therefore if you will not watch, I will on the earth. come upon you as a thief, and you will

not know what hour I will come upon 1 1Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast you. what you have, that no one may take

4 your crown.

You have a few names even in Sardis

who have not defiled their garments; 12He who overcomes, I will make him a and they shall walk with Me in white, for pillar in the temple of My God, and he they are worthy. shall go out no more. I will write on him 5 the name of My God and the name of

He who overcomes shall be clothed in the city of My God, the New Jerusalem,

white garments, and I will not blot out which comes down out of

heaven from

his name from the Book of Life; but I will My God. And I will write on him My new

confess his name before My Father and name. before His angels.

13 He who has an ear, let him hear what

6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." the Spirit says to the churches."

14 And to the angel of the church of the

Laodiceans write, "These things says 4After these things I looked, and the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness,

behold, a door standing open in heaven.

the Beginning of the creation of God: And the first voice which I heard was

1 like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, 5a know your works, that you are

"Come up here, and I will show you

neither cold nor hot. I could wish you things which must take place after this."

were cold or hot.

2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and

16 So then, because you are lukewarm, behold, a throne set in heaven, and One

and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you sat on the throne. out of My mouth.

1 3And He who sat there was like a jasper 7 Because you say, "I am rich, have and a sardius stone in appearance; and

become wealthy, and have need of there was a rainbow around the throne,

nothing⁷--and do not know that you are in appearance like an emerald.
wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and

naked-- 4

Around the throne were twenty-four

1 thrones, and on the thrones I saw

' I counsel you to buy from Me gold twenty-four elders sitting, clothed
in

refined in the fire, that you may be rich; white robes; and they had
crowns of

and white garments, that you may be gold on their heads. clothed,
that the shame of your

nakedness may not be revealed; and 5And from the throne proceeded
anoint your eyes with eye salve, that lightnings, thunderings, and
voices.

you may see.

Seven lamps of fire were burning before

1 the throne, which are the seven Spirits

' As many as I love, I rebuke and of God.

chasten. Therefore be zealous and

repent. 6

Before the throne there was a sea of

2 glass, like crystal. And in the midst of 0Behold, I stand at the door
and knock.

the throne, and around the throne, were

If anyone hears My voice and opens the four living creatures full of
eyes in front

door, I will come in to him and dine with and in back. him, and he

with Me.

2 To him who overcomes I will grant to the second living creature like a calf, the

1 7The first living creature was like a lion,

sit with Me on My throne, as I also third living creature had a face like a

overcame and sat down with My Father man, and the fourth living creature was

on His throne. like a flying eagle.

2 8 2 He who has an ear, let him hear what

The four living creatures, each having

the Spirit says to the churches. ' six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, to open the scroll and to loose its seven

saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God seals." Almighty, Who was and is and is to

come!" 6And I looked, and behold, in the midst

of the throne and of the four living

'Whenever the living creatures give creatures, and in the midst of the elders,

glory and honor and thanks to Him who stood a Lamb as though it had been

sits on the throne, who lives forever and slain, having seven horns and seven

ever, eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God

sent out into all the earth.

10 he twenty-four elders fall down before

Him who sits on the throne and worship 7Then He came and took the scroll out Him who lives forever and ever, and of the right hand of Him who sat on the

cast their crowns before the throne, throne. saying:

'Now when He had taken the scroll, the

11 You are worthy, O Lord, To receive four living creatures and the twenty-four

glory and honor and power; For You elders fell down before the Lamb, each

created all things, And by Your will they having a harp, and golden bowls full of

exist and were created." incense, which are the prayers of the

saints.

5And I saw in the right hand of Him And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And

who sat on the throne a scroll written

to open its seals; For You were slain,

inside and on the back, sealed with

And have redeemed us to God by Your

seven seals.

blood Out of every tribe and tongue and

2 people and nation,

Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming

with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to 10And have made us kings and priests to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

our God; And we shall reign on the

3And no one in heaven or on the earth earth." or under the earth was able to open the 11

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of scroll, or to look at it.

many angels around the throne, the 4 living creatures, and the elders; and the

So I wept much, because no one was number of them was ten thousand times

found worthy to open and read the scroll, ten thousand, and thousands of or to look at it. thousands,

5But one of the elders said to me, "Do 2

1 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of the Lamb who was slain To receive

Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and 6And I heard a voice in the midst of the

blessing!" four living creatures saying, "A quart of

wheat for a denarius, and three quarts 13And every creature which is in heaven

of barley for a denarius; and do not and on the earth and under the earth harm the oil and the wine." and such as are in the sea, and all that

are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing 7When He opened the fourth seal, I and honor and glory and power Be to heard the voice of the fourth living

Him who sits on the throne, And to the creature saying, "Come and see." Lamb, forever and ever!"

8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse.

14 Then the four living creatures said,

And the name of him who sat on it was

"Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell Death, and Hades followed with him.

down and worshiped Him who lives And power was given to them over a

forever and ever. fourth of the earth, to kill with sword,

with hunger, with death, and by the

beasts of the earth.

6 Now I saw when the Lamb opened

one of the seals; and I heard one of the 'When He opened the fifth seal, I saw

under the altar the souls of those who

four living creatures saying with a voice

had been slain for the word of God and

like thunder, "Come and see."

for the testimony which they held.

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. 0 And they cried with a loud voice,

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He who sat on it had a bow; and a

saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true,

crown was given to him, and he went

until You judge and avenge our blood on
out conquering and to conquer.

those who dwell on the earth?"

3When He opened the second seal, I¹ 1Then a white robe was given to
each heard the second living creature saying, of them; and it was said
to them that "Come and see." they should rest a little while longer,
until⁴ both the number of their fellow servants

Another horse, fiery red, went out. And and their brethren, who would
be killed

it was granted to the one who sat on it to as they were, was
completed. take peace from the earth, and that

people should kill one another; and¹ 2a looked when He opened the
sixth there was given to him a great sword.

seal, and behold, there was a great
⁵ earthquake; and the sun became black

When He opened the third seal, I heard as sackcloth of hair, and the
moon

the third living creature say, "Come and became like blood. see." So I
looked, and behold, a black

horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of
scales in his hand.

¹ s 3And the stars of heaven fell to the

of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand
earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs were sealed; of the tribe of
Reuben

when it is shaken by a mighty wind. twelve thousand were sealed; of
the

tribe of Gad twelve thousand were

14 sealed;

Then the sky receded as a scroll when
it is rolled up, and every mountain and

island was moved out of its place. 6of the tribe of Asher twelve
thousand

were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali

15 twelve thousand were sealed; of the

And the kings of the earth, the great

men, the rich men, the commanders, the tribe of Manasseh twelve
thousand were

mighty men, every slave and every free sealed; man, hid themselves in
the caves and in

the rocks of the mountains, 7of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand

were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve

16 thousand were sealed; of the tribe of

and said to the mountains and rocks,

"Fall on us and hide us from the face of Issachar twelve thousand were
sealed;

Him who sits on the throne and from the

wrath of the Lamb! 8of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand

were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph

17 twelve thousand were sealed; of the

For the great day of His wrath has

come, and who is able to stand?" tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand
were

sealed.

7After these things I saw four angels After these things I looked, and behold,

a great multitude which no one could

standing at the four corners of the earth, number, of all nations, tribes, peoples,

holding the four winds of the earth, that and tongues, standing before the throne

the wind should not blow on the earth, and before the Lamb, clothed with white

on the sea, or on any tree. robes, with palm branches in their hands,

2Then I saw another angel ascending 0and crying out with a loud voice,

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from the east, having the seal of the saying, "Salvation belongs to our God

living God. And he cried with a loud who sits on the throne, and to the

voice to the four angels to whom it was Lamb!" granted to harm the earth and the sea,

3 All the angels stood around the throne 1 1

saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, and the elders and the four living

or the trees till we have sealed the creatures, and fell on their faces before

servants of our God on their foreheads."

the throne and worshiped God,

4And I heard the number of those who 2saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and

were sealed. One hundred and forty- wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and

four thousand of all the tribes of the

children of Israel were sealed:

power and might, Be to our God forever upon the golden altar which was before

and ever. Amen." the throne.

14 3Then one of the elders answered,

And the smoke of the incense, with the

saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in prayers of the saints, ascended before

white robes, and where did they come God from the angel's hand. from?"

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it

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And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So with fire from the altar, and threw it to

he said to me, "These are the ones who the earth. And there were noises,

come out of the great tribulation, and thunderings, lightnings, and an washed their robes and made them earthquake. white in the blood of the Lamb.

6 So the seven angels who had the

15Therefore they are before the throne of seven trumpets prepared themselves to

God, and serve Him day and night in His sound. temple. And He who sits on the throne

will dwell among them. 7The first angel sounded: And hail and

fire followed, mingled with blood, and

16They shall neither hunger anymore nor

they were thrown to the earth. And a

thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike third of the trees were burned up, and all

them, nor any heat; green grass was burned up.

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or the Lamb who is in the midst of the Then the second angel sounded: And

throne will shepherd them and lead something like a great mountain burning

them to living fountains of waters. And with fire was thrown into the sea, and a

God will wipe away every tear from their third of the sea became blood. eyes."

'And a third of the living creatures in the

sea died, and a third of the ships were

8When He opened the seventh seal, destroyed.

there was silence in heaven for about 1 0Then the third angel sounded: And a half an hour.

great star fell from heaven, burning like

2 a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers

And I saw the seven angels who stand

and on the springs of water.

before God, and to them were given

seven trumpets. ¹ The name of the star is Wormwood. A

³ Then another angel, having a golden third of the waters became wormwood,

and many men died from the water,
censer, came and stood at the altar. He

because it was made bitter.

was given much incense, that he should

offer it with the prayers of all the saints ¹² ⁶ In those days men will seek death and

Then the fourth angel sounded: And a
third of the sun was struck, a third of the will not find it; they will desire to die, and

moon, and a third of the stars, so that a death will flee from them.
third of them were darkened. A third of

the day did not shine, and likewise the ⁷ The shape of the locusts was like night. horses prepared for battle. On their

¹ gold, and their faces were like the faces

³ And I looked, and I heard an angel heads were crowns of something like

flying through the midst of heaven, of men. saying with a loud voice,
"Woe, woe,

woe to the inhabitants of the earth, ⁸ They had hair like women's hair, and because of the remaining blasts of the their teeth were like lions' teeth. trumpet of the three angels who are

about to sound!" 'And they had breastplates like

breastplates of iron, and the sound of

their wings was like the sound of

9Then the fifth angel sounded: And I chariots with many horses running into

saw a star fallen from heaven to the battle.

earth. To him was given the key to the 0They had tails like scorpions, and

bottomless pit. 1

there were stings in their tails. Their

2 power was to hurt men five months. And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the

1 1

smoke of a great furnace. So the sun And they had as king over them the

and the air were darkened because of angel of the bottomless pit, whose name

the smoke of the pit. in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he

has the name Apollyon.

3Then out of the smoke locusts came 2 1 upon the earth. And to them was given One woe is past. Behold, still two more power, as the scorpions of the earth woes are coming after these things. have power.

1 3Then the sixth angel sounded: And I

4They were commanded not to harm the heard a voice from the four horns of the

grass of the earth, or any green thing, or golden altar which is before God, any tree, but only those men who do not

have the seal of God on their foreheads. 1 4saying to the sixth angel who had the

trumpet, "Release the four angels who

5And they were not given authority to kill are bound at the great river Euphrates."

them, but to torment them for five

months. Their torment was like the 1 5So the four angels, who had been torment of a scorpion when it strikes a prepared for the hour and day and

man. month and year, were released to kill a

third of mankind.

16Now the number of the army of the hand cried with a loud voice, as when a

horsemen was two hundred million; I lion roars. When he cried out, seven

heard the number of them. thunders uttered their voices.

1 4 7

And thus I saw the horses in the Now when the seven thunders uttered

vision: those who sat on them had their voices, I was about to write; but I

breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, heard a voice from heaven saying to me,

and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the "Seal up the things which the seven horses were like the heads of lions; and thunders uttered, and do not write

out of their mouths came fire, smoke, them." and brimstone.

5The angel whom I saw standing on the

1' By these three plagues a third of sea and on the land raised up his hand

mankind was killed--by the fire and the to heaven smoke and the brimstone which came

out of their mouths. 6 and swore by Him who lives forever

and ever, who created heaven and the

1 ' For their power is in their mouth and in things that are in it, the earth and the

their tails; for their tails are like serpents, things that are in it, and the sea and the

having heads; and with them they do things that are in it, that there should be

harm. delay no longer,

27 OBut the rest of mankind, who were not

but in the days of the sounding of the

killed by these plagues, did not repent of seventh angel, when he is about to

the works of their hands, that they sound, the mystery of God would be

should not worship demons, and idols of finished, as He declared to His servants

gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, the prophets. which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

8Then the voice which I heard from

21

And they did not repent of their heaven spoke to me again and said, murders or their sorceries or their sexual "Go, take the little book which is open in

immorality or their thefts. the hand of the angel who stands on the

sea and on the earth."

1 So I went to the angel and said to him, OI saw still another mighty

angel

"Give me the little book." And he said to
coming down from heaven, clothed with

a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, me, "Take and eat it; and it
will make

your stomach bitter, but it will be as
his face was like the sun, and his feet

sweet as honey in your mouth."
like pillars of fire.

¹ Then I took the little book out of the
² He had a little book open in his hand.

angel's hand and ate it, and it was as
And he set his right foot on the sea and

his left foot on the land, sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I
⁷ When they finish their testimony, they had eaten it, my stomach
became bitter. beast that ascends out of the bottomless

pit will make war against them,
¹¹ overcome them, and kill them.

And he said to me, "You must
prophesy again about many peoples,
nations, tongues, and kings." ⁸ And their dead bodies will lie in the

street of the great city which spiritually is
called Sodom and Egypt, where also our

¹ ¹ Lord was crucified. Then I was given a reed like a

measuring rod. And the angel stood, "Then those from the peoples,
tribes,

saying, "Rise and measure the temple of

tongues, and nations will see their dead

God, the altar, and those who worship

bodies three-and-a-half days, and not

there.

allow their dead bodies to be put into

2 graves.

But leave out the court which is outside

the temple, and do not measure it, for it 10 And those who dwell on the
earth will have been given to the Gentiles. And rejoice over them, make
merry, and they will tread the holy city underfoot for send gifts to one
another, because forty-two months. these two prophets tormented
those

3 And I will give power to my two who dwell on the earth.

witnesses, and they will prophesy one 1 1 Now after the three-and-a-
half days thousand two hundred and sixty days,

the breath of life from God entered them,

clothed in sackcloth."

and they stood on their feet, and great

4 fear fell on those who saw them.

These are the two olive trees and the

two lampstands standing before the God 1 2 And they heard a loud
voice from of the earth.

heaven saying to them, "Come up here."

5 And they ascended to heaven in a cloud,

And if anyone wants to harm them, fire and their enemies saw them.

proceeds from their mouth and devours

their enemies. And if anyone wants to h o n the same hour there was a great harm them, he must be killed in this

manner. earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell.

In the earthquake seven thousand

6 people were killed, and the rest were

These have power to shut heaven, so afraid and gave glory to the God of

that no rain falls in the days of their heaven. prophecy; and they have power over

waters to turn them to blood, and to 1 4The second woe is past.

Behold, the strike the earth with all plagues, as often

third woe is coming quickly.

as they desire.

15Then the seventh angel sounded: And

seven heads and ten horns, and seven

there were loud voices in heaven, diadems on his heads. saying, "The kingdoms of this world

have become the kingdoms of our Lord 4 His tail drew a third of the stars of and of His Christ, and He shall reign heaven and threw them to the earth.

forever and ever!" And the dragon stood before the woman

1 her Child as soon as it was born.

6And the twenty-four elders who sat who was ready to give birth, to devour

before God on their thrones fell on their

faces and worshiped God, ⁵She bore a male Child who was to rule

all nations with a rod of iron. And her

¹⁷

saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord Child was caught up to God
and His

God Almighty, The One who is and who throne. was and who is to
come, Because You

have taken Your great power and ⁶ Then the woman fled into the
reigned. wilderness, where she has a place

prepared by God, that they should feed

¹ The nations were angry, and Your her there one thousand two
hundred

wrath has come, And the time of the and sixty days. dead, that they
should be judged, And

that You should reward Your servants ⁷And war broke out in heaven:
Michael the prophets and the saints, And those and his angels fought
with the dragon;

who fear Your name, small and great, and the dragon and his angels
fought,

And should destroy those who destroy

the earth." ⁸

but they did not prevail, nor was a place

¹ found for them in heaven any longer.

['] Then the temple of God was opened in

heaven, and the ark of His covenant [']So the great dragon was cast out,
that was seen in His temple. And there were

serpent of old, called the Devil and

lightnings, noises, thunderings, an

Satan, who deceives the whole world;

earthquake, and great hail.

he was cast to the earth, and his angels

were cast out with him.

1 2Now a great sign appeared in 1 0Then I heard a loud voice saying in

heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, heaven, "Now salvation, and strength,

with the moon under her feet, and on and the kingdom of our God, and the

her head a garland of twelve stars. power of His Christ have come, for the

accuser of our brethren, who accused

2 them before our God day and night, has Then being with child, she cried out in

labor and in pain to give birth. been cast down.

3And another sign appeared in heaven: 1 1And they overcame him by the blood behold, a great, fiery red dragon having of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their 2Now the beast which I saw was like a lives to the death. leopard, his feet were like the feet of a

bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a

12Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you

lion. The dragon gave him his power, his

who dwell in them! Woe to the throne, and great authority. inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For

the devil has come down to you, having And I saw one of his heads as if it had great wrath, because he knows that he been mortally wounded, and his deadly

has a short time." wound was healed. And all the world

marveled and followed the beast.

¹³Now when the dragon saw that he had

been cast to the earth, he persecuted ⁴So they worshiped the dragon who the woman who gave birth to the male gave authority to the beast; and they

Child. worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is

like the beast? Who is able to make war

¹⁴ with him?"

But the woman was given two wings of

a great eagle, that she might fly into the

wilderness to her place, where she is ⁵And he was given a mouth speaking nourished for a time and times and half great things and blasphemies, and he

a time, from the presence of the serpent. was given authority to continue for forty-

two months.

¹⁵

So the serpent spewed water out of

his mouth like a flood after the woman, ⁶Then he opened his mouth in that he might cause her to be carried blasphemy against God, to blaspheme

away by the flood. His name, His tabernacle, and those

who dwell in heaven.

16But the earth helped the woman, and

the earth opened its mouth and 7It was granted to him to make war with swallowed up the flood which the the saints and to overcome them. And

dragon had spewed out of his mouth. authority was given him over every tribe,

tongue, and nation.

17

And the dragon was enraged with the

woman, and he went to make war with 8All who dwell on the earth will worship the rest of her offspring, who keep the him, whose names have not been

commandments of God and have the written in the Book of Life of the Lamb

testimony of Jesus Christ. slain from the foundation of the world.

'If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

1 3Then I stood on the sand of the

10He who leads into captivity shall go

sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of

the sea, having seven heads and ten into captivity; he who kills with the sword

horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and must be killed with the sword. Here is

on his heads a blasphemous name. the patience and the faith of the saints.

11

Then I saw another beast coming up

out of the earth, and he had two horns 1 4Then I looked, and
behold, a like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. Lamb standing on
Mount Zion, and with

1 Him one hundred and forty-four 2 And he exercises all the authority
of thousand, having His Father's name

the first beast in his presence, and written on their foreheads. causes
the earth and those who dwell in

it to worship the first beast, whose 2

And I heard a voice from heaven, like

deadly wound was healed.

the voice of many waters, and like the

1 voice of loud thunder. And I heard the 3He performs great signs, so
that he

sound of harpists playing their harps.

even makes fire come down from

heaven on the earth in the sight of men. 3They sang as it were a new
song

1 before the throne, before the four living 4 And he deceives those
who dwell on creatures, and the elders; and no one

the earth by those signs which he was could learn that song except the
granted to do in the sight of the beast, hundred and forty-four
thousand who

telling those who dwell on the earth to were redeemed from the earth.
make an image to the beast who was

wounded by the sword and lived. 4These are the ones who were not

¹ defiled with women, for they are virgins. ⁵He was granted power to give breath

These are the ones who follow the
to the image of the beast, that the image Lamb wherever He goes.
These were

of the beast should both speak and redeemed from among men, being
cause as many as would not worship firstfruits to God and to the
Lamb. the image of the beast to be killed.

¹ for they are without fault before the

⁶He causes all, both small and great, ⁵And in their mouth was found
no deceit,

rich and poor, free and slave, to receive throne of God. a mark on
their right hand or on their

foreheads, ⁶Then I saw another angel flying in the

midst of heaven, having the everlasting

¹⁷

and that no one may buy or sell except gospel to preach to those
who dwell on

one who has the mark or the name of the earth--to every nation, tribe,
tongue,

the beast, or the number of his name. and people--

¹⁷ ' Here is wisdom. Let him who has saying with a loud voice, "Fear
God understanding calculate the number of and give glory to Him, for
the hour of His

the beast, for it is the number of a man: judgment has come; and
worship Him

His number is 666. who made heaven and earth, the sea

and springs of water."

8 1 And another angel followed, saying, 5 And another angel came out of the "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great temple, crying with a loud voice to Him

city, because she has made all nations who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your

drink of the wine of the wrath of her sickle and reap, for the time has come

fornication." for You to reap, for the harvest of the

earth is ripe."

"Then a third angel followed them,

1 6

saying with a loud voice, "If anyone So He who sat on the cloud thrust in

worships the beast and his image, and His sickle on the earth, and the earth

receives his mark on his forehead or on was reaped. his hand,

1 7 Then another angel came out of the

10

he himself shall also drink of the wine temple which is in heaven, he also

of the wrath of God, which is poured out having a sharp sickle. full strength into the cup of His

indignation. He shall be tormented with 1 ' And another angel came out from the fire and brimstone in the presence of the altar, who had power over fire, and he

holy angels and in the presence of the cried with a loud cry to him who had the

Lamb. sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your

¹ the vine of the earth, for her grapes are

1And the smoke of their torment sharp sickle and gather the clusters
of

ascends forever and ever; and they fully ripe." have no rest day or
night, who worship

the beast and his image, and whoever ¹ ' So the angel thrust his sickle
into the receives the mark of his name." earth and gathered the vine of
the earth,

and threw it into the great winepress of

¹²

Here is the patience of the saints; here the wrath of God.

are those who keep the commandments

of God and the faith of Jesus. ² 0And the winepress was trampled

¹ the winepress, up to the horses' bridles,

3Then I heard a voice from heaven outside the city, and blood came
out of

saying to me, "Write: "Blessed are the for one thousand six hundred
furlongs.

dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may

rest from their labors, and their works ¹ 5Then I saw another
sign in heaven, follow them."

great and marvelous: seven angels

¹ having the seven last plagues, for in ⁴Then I looked, and behold, a
white

them the wrath of God is complete.

cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the

Son of Man, having on His head a 2

And I saw something like a sea of glass

golden crown, and in His hand a sharp

sickle. mingled with fire, and those who have

the victory over the beast, over his

image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing
on the 2So the first went and poured out his sea of glass, having harps
of God. bowl upon the earth, and a foul and

loathsome sore came upon the men

3They sing the song of Moses, the who had the mark of the beast and

servant of God, and the song of the those who worshiped his image.
Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are

Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just 3Then the second angel poured
out his

and true are Your ways, O King of the bowl on the sea, and it became
blood as

saints! of a dead man; and every living creature

in the sea died.

4Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and

glorify Your name? For You alone are 4Then the third angel poured
out his holy. For all nations shall come and bowl on the rivers and
springs of water,

worship before You, For Your judgments and they became blood. have
been manifested."

5And I heard the angel of the waters

5After these things I looked, and behold, saying: "You are righteous, O

Lord, The

the temple of the tabernacle of the One who is and who was and who is to

testimony in heaven was opened. be, Because You have judged these things.

6And out of the temple came the seven

angels having the seven plagues, 6For they have shed the blood of saints clothed in pure bright linen, and having and prophets, And You have given them

their chests girded with golden bands. blood to drink. For it is their just due."

77 Then one of the four living creatures And I heard another from the altar gave to the seven angels seven golden saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty,

bowls full of the wrath of God who lives true and righteous are Your judgments."

forever and ever.

8 Then the fourth angel poured out his

"The temple was filled with smoke from bowl on the sun, and power was given

the glory of God and from His power, to him to scorch men with fire. and no one was able to enter the temple

till the seven plagues of the seven 'And men were scorched with great heat, angels were completed. and they blasphemed the name of God

who has power over these plagues; and

they did not repent and give Him glory.

1 6Then I heard a loud voice from the

10Then the fifth angel poured out his

temple saying to the seven angels, "Go

and pour out the bowls of the wrath of bowl on the throne of the
beast, and his

God on the earth." kingdom became full of darkness; and

they gnawed their tongues because of
the pain.

11 1 They blasphemed the God of heaven ' Now the great city was
divided into because of their pains and their sores, three parts, and the
cities of the nations

and did not repent of their deeds. fell. And great Babylon was

remembered before God, to give her the

12 cup of the wine of the fierceness of His

Then the sixth angel poured out his
bowl on the great river Euphrates, and wrath.

its water was dried up, so that the way 0Then every island fled away,
and the

of the kings from the east might be 2

prepared. mountains were not found.

12 3And I saw three unclean spirits like 1And great hail from heaven
fell upon frogs coming out of the mouth of the men, each hailstone
about the weight of

dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, a talent. Men blasphemed God
because

and out of the mouth of the false of the plague of the hail, since that
prophet. plague was exceedingly great.

For they are spirits of demons,
 performing signs, which go out to the 1 7 Then one of the seven
 angels who
 kings of the earth and of the whole world, had the seven bowls came
 and talked
 to gather them to the battle of that great with me, saying to me,
 "Come, I will
 day of God Almighty. show you the judgment of the great

1 harlot who sits on many waters, 5 Behold, I am coming as a thief.
 Blessed is he who watches, and keeps 2
 with whom the kings of the earth
 his garments, lest he walk naked and
 committed fornication, and the
 they see his shame." inhabitants of the earth were made

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 6 And they gathered them together to drunk with the wine of her
 fornication."

the 3 place called in Hebrew, So he carried me away in the Spirit into
 Armageddon. the wilderness. And I saw a woman
 1 sitting on a scarlet beast which was full

7 Then the seventh angel poured out his of names of blasphemy,
 having seven
 bowl into the air, and a loud voice came heads and ten horns. out of
 the temple of heaven, from the
 throne, saying, "It is done!" 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and
 scarlet, and adorned with gold and

1 ' And there were noises and precious stones and pearls, having in thunderings and lightnings; and there her hand a golden cup full of

was a great earthquake, such a mighty abominations and the filthiness of her

and great earthquake as had not fornication. occurred since men were on the earth.

5And on her forehead a name was

written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE

GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS 13These are of one mind, and they will AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE give their power and authority to the

EARTH. beast.

6 1 4

1 saw the woman, drunk with the blood These will make war with the Lamb,

of the saints and with the blood of the and the Lamb will overcome them, for

martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I He is Lord of lords and King of kings;

marveled with great amazement. and those who are with Him are called,

chosen, and faithful."

7But the angel said to me, "Why did you 5Then he said to me, "The waters which

marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the 1

woman and of the beast that carries her, you saw, where the harlot sits, are

which has the seven heads and the ten peoples, multitudes, nations, and horns. tongues.

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, ¹ 6And the ten horns which you saw on and will ascend out of the bottomless pit the beast, these will hate the harlot,

and go to perdition. And those who make her desolate and naked, eat her

dwelt on the earth will marvel, whose flesh and burn her with fire. names are not written in the Book of Life

from the foundation of the world, when ¹⁷For God has put it into their hearts to they see the beast that was, and is not, fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind,

and yet is. and to give their kingdom to the beast,

until the words of God are fulfilled.

"Here is the mind which has wisdom:

The seven heads are seven mountains ¹ 8And the woman whom you saw is that on which the woman sits. great city which reigns over the kings of

¹

0There are also seven kings. Five have the earth."

fallen, one is, and the other has not yet

come. And when he comes, he must ¹ 8After these things I saw another continue a short time.

angel coming down from heaven, having

¹ great authority, and the earth was ¹

The beast that was, and is not, is

illuminated with his glory.

himself also the eighth, and is of the

seven, and is going to perdition. ²

And he cried mightily with a loud voice,

1 saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is 28 "Th e ten horns which you saw are ten fallen, and has become a dwelling place kings who have received no kingdom as of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, yet, but they receive authority for one and a cage for every unclean and hated hour as kings with the beast. bird! 3For all the nations have drunk of the 11 'And the merchants of the earth will wine of the wrath of her fornication, the weep and mourn over her, for no one

kings of the earth have committed buys their merchandise anymore: fornication with her, and the merchants

of the earth have become rich through 1 2 erchandise of gold and silver, the abundance of her luxury." precious stones and pearls, fine linen

and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind

4And I heard another voice from heaven of citron wood, every kind of object of

saying, "Come out of her, my people, ivory, every kind of object of most

lest you share in her sins, and lest you precious wood, bronze, iron, and

receive of her plagues. marble;

5 h For her sins have reached to heaven, and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and God has remembered her iniquities. and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour

and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses

6 and chariots, and bodies and souls of Render to her just as she rendered to

you, and repay her double according to men. her works; in the cup which she has

mixed, mix double for her. The fruit that your soul longed for has
gone from you, and all the things which
7 are rich and splendid have gone from In the measure that she
glorified herself
and lived luxuriously, in the same you, and you shall find them no
more at
measure give her torment and sorrow; all.

for she says in her heart, "I sit as queen, 5The merchants of these
things, who
and am no widow, and will not see 1
sorrow.' became rich by her, will stand at a
distance for fear of her torment, weeping
8 and wailing, Therefore her plagues will come in one

day--death and mourning and famine. 6and saying, "Alas, alas, that
great city
And she will be utterly burned with fire, 1
for strong is the Lord God who judges that was clothed in fine linen,
purple,
her. and scarlet, and adorned with gold and
precious stones and pearls!
"The kings of the earth who committed

1 7

fornication and lived luxuriously with her For in one hour such great
riches
will weep and lament for her, when they came to nothing.' Every
shipmaster, all

see the smoke of her burning, who travel by ship, sailors, and as many
as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

10 standing at a distance for fear of her

torment, saying, "Alas, alas, that great 1 ' and cried out when they saw
the city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one smoke of her burning,
saying, "What is

hour your judgment has come.' like this great city?"

12 9§ They threw dust on their heads and

For true and righteous are His

cried out, weeping and wailing, and judgments, because He has
judged the

saying, "Alas, alas, that great city, in great harlot who corrupted the
earth with

which all who had ships on the sea her fornication; and He has
avenged on

became rich by her wealth! For in one her the blood of His servants
shed by

hour she is made desolate.' her."

20 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you 3 Again they said, "Alleluia!
Her smoke

holy apostles and prophets, for God has rises up forever and ever!"
avenged you on her!"

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four

21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone

living creatures fell down and worshiped

like a great millstone and threw it into God who sat on the throne,
saying,

the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the "Amen! Alleluia!" great city
Babylon shall be thrown down,

and shall not be found anymore. 5Then a voice came from the throne,

saying, "Praise our God, all you His

22

The sound of harpists, musicians, servants and those who fear Him,
both

flutists, and trumpeters shall not be small and great!" heard in you
anymore. No craftsman of

any craft shall be found in you anymore, 6And I heard, as it were, the
voice of a

and the sound of a millstone shall not be great multitude, as the sound
of many

heard in you anymore. waters and as the sound of mighty

thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the

23The light of a lamp shall not shine in

Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

you anymore, and the voice of

bridegroom and bride shall not be heard 7Let us be glad and rejoice
and give Him in you anymore. For your merchants glory, for the
marriage of the Lamb has

were the great men of the earth, for by come, and His wife has made
herself

your sorcery all the nations were ready." deceived.

2 And in her was found the blood of in fine linen, clean and bright, for
the

4 8And to her it was granted to be arrayed

prophets and saints, and of all who were fine linen is the righteous
acts of the

slain on the earth." saints.

'Then he said to me, "Write: "Blessed

1 9After these things I heard a loud are those who are called to the
marriage

voice of a great multitude in heaven, supper of the Lamb!" And he
said to me,

saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory "These are the true sayings of
God."

and honor and power belong to the Lord 0And I fell at his feet to
worship him.

our God! 1

But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow
servant, and of men, the flesh of horses and of those

your brethren who have the testimony of who sit on them, and the
flesh of all

Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony people, free and slave, both
small and

of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." great."

1 1 1

Now I saw heaven opened, and ' And I saw the beast, the kings of
the

behold, a white horse. And He who sat earth, and their armies,
gathered

on him was called Faithful and True, together to make war against

Him who

and in righteousness He judges and sat on the horse and against His army.

makes war.

2 0Then the beast was captured, and with

12His eyes were like a flame of fire, and

him the false prophet who worked signs

on His head were many crowns. He had in his presence, by which he deceived

a name written that no one knew except those who received the mark of the

Himself. beast and those who worshiped his

image. These two were cast alive into

13 the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word

2 1

of God. And the rest were killed with the sword

which proceeded from the mouth of Him

14 who sat on the horse. And all the birds

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him were filled with their flesh. on white horses.

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp 2 0Then I saw an angel coming down

sword, that with it He should strike the from heaven, having the key to the

nations. And He Himself will rule them bottomless pit and a great chain in his

with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the hand. winepress of the fierceness and wrath of

Almighty God. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent

1 of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and 6And He has on His robe and on His

bound him for a thousand years;

thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS

AND LORD OF LORDS. h and he cast him into the bottomless pit, 1 and shut him up, and set a seal on him,

7 Then I saw an angel standing in the so that he should deceive the nations no

sun; and he cried with a loud voice, more till the thousand years were saying to all the birds that fly in the finished. But after these things he must

midst of heaven, "Come and gather be released for a little while. together for the supper of the great God,

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on

1 8 hat you may eat the flesh of kings, the

them, and judgment was committed to

flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to earth and the heaven fled away. And

Jesus and for the word of God, who had there was found no place for them. not worshiped the beast or his image,

and had not received his mark on their ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, foreheads or on their hands. And they standing before God, and books were

lived and reigned with Christ for a opened. And another book was opened,

thousand years. which is the Book of Life. And the dead

were judged according to their works, by

⁵But the rest of the dead did not live the things which were written in the

again until the thousand years were books. finished. This is the first resurrection.

¹ ³The sea gave up the dead who were in

⁶Blessed and holy is he who has part in it, and Death and Hades delivered up

the first resurrection. Over such the the dead who were in them. And they

second death has no power, but they were judged, each one according to his

shall be priests of God and of Christ, works. and shall reign with Him a thousand

years. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into

the lake of fire. This is the second death.

⁷Now when the thousand years have

expired, Satan will be released from his ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the prison Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

and will go out to deceive the nations

which are in the four corners of the earth, ² ¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a Gog and Magog, to gather them

new earth, for the first heaven and the
together to battle, whose number is as
the sand of the sea. first earth had passed away. Also there
was no more sea.

"They went up on the breadth of the 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city,
New earth and surrounded the camp of the Jerusalem, coming down
out of heaven saints and the beloved city. And fire from God, prepared
as a bride adorned came down from God out of heaven and for her
husband. devoured them.

1 3 0 And I heard a loud voice from heaven The devil, who deceived
them, was saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God cast into the lake of
fire and brimstone is with men, and He will dwell with them, where
the beast and the false prophet and they shall be His people. God are.
And they will be tormented day and Himself will be with them and be
their night forever and ever. God. 11

Then I saw a great white throne and 4
Him who sat on it, from whose face the And God will wipe away
every tear from
their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There
shall be no which are the names of the twelve tribes
more pain, for the former things have of the children of Israel: passed
away."

13 three gates on the east, three gates on
5 Then He who sat on the throne said, the north, three gates on the
south, and
"Behold, I make all things new." And He three gates on the west. said
to me, "Write, for these words are
true and faithful." 1 4 Now the wall of the city had twelve

foundations, and on them were the

6And He said to me, "It is done! I am the names of the twelve apostles of the

Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning Lamb. and the End. I will give of the fountain of

the water of life freely to him who thirsts. 1 5And he who talked with me had a gold

reed to measure the city, its gates, and

7He who overcomes shall inherit all its wall. things, and I will be his God and he shall

be My son. 1 6The city is laid out as a square; its

length is as great as its breadth. And he

8But the cowardly, unbelieving, measured the city with the reed: twelve abominable, murderers, sexually thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all and height are equal. liars shall have their part in the lake

which burns with fire and brimstone, 17Then he measured its wall: one which is the second death." hundred and forty-four cubits, according

to the measure of a man, that is, of an

"Then one of the seven angels who had angel. the seven bowls filled with the seven

last plagues came to me and talked with 1 8The construction of its wall was of me, saying, "Come, I will show you the jasper; and the city was pure gold, like

bride, the Lamb's wife." clear glass.

10And he carried me away in the Spirit to

1 ' The foundations of the wall of the city

a great and high mountain, and showed were adorned with all kinds of precious

me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, stones: the first foundation was

jasper,

descending out of heaven from God, the second sapphire, the third

chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

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having the glory of God. Her light was

like a most precious stone, like a jasper 20the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, stone, clear as crystal. the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl,

1 the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth

2Also she had a great and high wall the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase,

with twelve gates, and twelve angels at amethyst. the gates, and names written on them,

21

The twelve gates were twelve pearls: be in it, and His servants shall serve

each individual gate was of one pearl. Him. And the street of the city was pure gold,

like transparent glass. 4 They shall see His face, and His name

shall be on their foreheads.

22

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord

God Almighty and the Lamb are its 5 There shall be no night there: They temple. need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the

2 shall reign forever and ever.

3The city had no need of the sun or of Lord God gives them light. And they

the moon to shine in it, for the glory of

God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. ⁶ Then he said to me, "These words are

² the holy prophets sent His angel to

4And the nations of those who are faithful and true." And the Lord God of

saved shall walk in its light, and the show His servants the things which

kings of the earth bring their glory and must shortly take place. honor into it.

⁷ Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed

² ⁵ ts gates shall not be shut at all by day is he who keeps the words of the

(there shall be no night there). prophecy of this book."

² ⁸ 6And they shall bring the glory and the

Now I, John, saw and heard these

honor of the nations into it. things. And when I heard and saw, I fell

down to worship before the feet of the

² ⁷ angel who showed me these things.

But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an

abomination or a lie, but only those who ⁷Then he said to me, "See that you do

are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. not do that. For I am your fellow servant,

and of your brethren the prophets, and

22 book. Worship God." And he showed me a pure river of

water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding ¹ 0 And he said to me, "Do not seal the from the throne of God and of the Lamb. words of the prophecy of this book, for ² the time is at hand.

In the middle of its street, and on either

side of the river, was the tree of life, ¹ 1

He who is unjust, let him be unjust still;

which bore twelve fruits, each tree

he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he

yielding its fruit every month. The leaves

who is righteous, let him be righteous

of the tree were for the healing of the

still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

nations.

³ And there shall be no more curse, but

the throne of God and of the Lamb shall ¹ ¹⁷ ² And behold, I am coming quickly, and And the Spirit and the bride say, My reward is with Me, to give to every "Come!" And let him who hears say,

one according to his work. "Come!" And let him who thirsts come.

Whoever desires, let him take the water

¹ ³ am the Alpha and the Omega, the of life freely. Beginning and the End, the First and the

Last." For I testify to everyone who hears the

words of the prophecy of this book: If

14Blessed are those who do His

anyone adds to these things, God will

commandments, that they may have the add to him the plagues that
are written

right to the tree of life, and may enter in this book; through the gates
into the city.

1' and if anyone takes away from the

15But outside are dogs and sorcerers

words of the book of this prophecy, God

and sexually immoral and murderers shall take away his part from the
Book

and idolaters, and whoever loves and of Life, from the holy city, and
from the

practices a lie. things which are written in this book.

1 2 0 6§§ , Jesus, have sent My angel to testify He who testifies to these
things says, to you these things in the churches. I am "Surely I am
coming quickly." Amen.

the Root and the Offspring of David, the Even so, come, Lord Jesus!
Bright and Morning Star."

2 1The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

with you all. Amen.

The Christ according to Apostle Paul

righteousness is the scepter of Your
kingdom.

1 God, who at various times and in

various ways spoke in time past to the 9 You have loved
righteousness and

hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your
fathers by the prophets,

God, has anointed You With the oil of
2 gladness more than Your companions."

has in these last days spoken to us by

His Son, whom He has appointed heir of 1 0

all things, through whom also He made And: "You, LORD, in the
beginning laid

the foundation of the earth, And the
the worlds;

heavens are the work of Your hands.

3who being the brightness of His glory 1 1They will perish, but You
remain; And and the express image of His person, they will all grow
old like a garment; and upholding all things by the word of

His power, when He had by Himself 1 2Like a cloak You will fold them
up, And purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on
high, they will be changed. But You are the

same, And Your years will not fail."

4having become so much better than the 3But to which of the angels
has He ever

1

angels, as He has by inheritance

obtained a more excellent name than said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I
make

they. Your enemies Your footstool"?

5 14 For to which of the angels did He ever Are they not all ministering
spirits sent

say: "You are My Son, Today I have forth to minister for those who
will inherit

begotten You"? And again: "I will be to salvation? Him a Father, And
He shall be to Me a

Son"?

2Therefore we must give the more

6But when He again brings the firstborn earnest heed to the things we
have

into the world, He says: "Let all the heard, lest we drift away. angels
of God worship Him."

2 For if the word spoken through angels

7And of the angels He says: "Who proved steadfast, and every makes
His angels spirits And His transgression and disobedience ministers a
flame of fire." received a just reward,

But to the Son He says: "Your throne, Show shall we escape if we
neglect so

O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and for which reason He is not ashamed to

was confirmed to us by those who heard call them brethren, Him,

12

saying: "I will declare Your name to My

4God also bearing witness both with brethren; In the midst of the assembly I

signs and wonders, with various will sing praise to You." miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit,

according to His own will? 1 3And again: "I will put My trust in Him."

And again: "Here am I and the children

5For He has not put the world to come, whom God has given Me." of which we speak, in subjection to

angels. 1 4 nasmuch then as the children have

partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself

6But one testified in a certain place, likewise shared in the same, that

saying: "What is man that You are through death He might destroy him

mindful of him, Or the son of man that who had the power of death, that is, the

You take care of him? devil,

7 1 You have made him a little lower than 5and release those who through fear of the angels; You have crowned him with death were all their lifetime subject to

glory and honor, And set him over the bondage. works of Your hands.

16

For indeed He does not give aid to

8You have put all things in subjection angels, but He does give aid to the seed

under his feet." For in that He put all in of Abraham. subjection under him, He left nothing

that is not put under him. But now we do 1 7Therefore, in all things He had to be not yet see all things put under him. made like His brethren, that He might be

a merciful and faithful High Priest in

'But we see Jesus, who was made a things pertaining to God, to make

little lower than the angels, for the propitiation for the sins of the people.

suffering of death crowned with glory

and honor, that He, by the grace of God, 1 ' For in that He Himself has suffered, might taste death for everyone. being tempted, He is able to aid those

who are tempted.

10For it was fitting for Him, for whom are

all things and by whom are all things, in

bringing many sons to glory, to make 3Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of

the captain of their salvation perfect

the heavenly calling, consider the

through sufferings.

Apostle and High Priest of our

1 confession, Christ Jesus, 1For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, 2 1 who was faithful to Him who appointed 3but exhort one another daily, while it is Him, as Moses also was faithful in all called "Today," lest any of you be

His house. hardened through the deceitfulness of

sin.

3

For this One has been counted worthy

1 4

of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as For we have become partakers
of

He who built the house has more honor Christ if we hold the
beginning of our

than the house. confidence steadfast to the end,

4 1 For every house is built by someone, 5 while it is said: "Today, if
you will hear but He who built all things is God. His voice, Do not
harden your hearts as

in the rebellion."

5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all His 6 For who, having heard,
rebelled?

house as a servant, for a testimony of 1

those things which would be spoken Indeed, was it not all who came
out of

afterward, Egypt, led by Moses?

6 1 7

but Christ as a Son over His own house, Now with whom was He
angry forty

whose house we are if we hold fast the years? Was it not with those
who sinned,

confidence and the rejoicing of the hope whose corpses fell in the

wilderness?

firm to the end.

18And to whom did He swear that they

7Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: would not enter His rest, but to those

"Today, if you will hear His voice, who did not obey?

8 1 Do not harden your hearts as in the ' So we see that they could not enter in rebellion, In the day of trial in the because of unbelief. wilderness,

Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, 4Therefore, since a promise remains

And saw My works forty years. of entering His rest, let us fear lest any

1 of you seem to have come short of it. 0Therefore I was angry with that

generation, And said, "They always go 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to astray in their heart, And they have not

known My ways.' us as well as to them; but the word

which they heard did not profit them, not

1 being mixed with faith in those who 1 so I swore in My wrath, "They shall not heard it.

enter My rest."

1 3For we who have believed do enter that

2Beware, brethren, lest there be in any rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My

of you an evil heart of unbelief in wrath, "They shall not enter My rest," departing from the living God;

although the works were finished from ¹³And there is no creature hidden from the foundation of the world. His sight, but all things are naked and

open to the eyes of Him to whom we

⁴ must give account. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God

¹ ⁴

rested on the seventh day from all His Seeing then that we have a great High

works"; Priest who has passed through the

heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us

s hold fast our confession. and again in this place: "They shall not

enter My rest." ⁵For we do not have a High Priest who

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⁶ cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, Since therefore it remains that some

must enter it, and those to whom it was but was in all points tempted as we are,

first preached did not enter because of yet without sin. disobedience,

¹ ⁶Let us therefore come boldly to the

⁷ throne of grace, that we may obtain again He designates a certain day,

saying in David, "Today," after such a mercy and find grace to help in time of

long time, as it has been said: "Today, if need. you will hear His voice, Do not harden

your hearts."

5For every high priest taken from

8For if Joshua had given them rest, then among men is appointed for men in

He would not afterward have spoken of things pertaining to God, that he may

another day. offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

There remains therefore a rest for the 2 He can have compassion on those who

people of God. are ignorant and going astray, since he

1

0For he who has entered His rest has himself is also subject to weakness.

himself also ceased from his works as 3Because of this he is required as for the

God did from His. people, so also for himself, to offer

1

1Let us therefore be diligent to enter sacrifices for sins.

that rest, lest anyone fall according to 4 And no man takes this honor to himself, the same example of disobedience. but he who is called by God, just as

1

2For the word of God is living and Aaron was.

powerful, and sharper than any two- 5So also Christ did not glorify Himself to edged sword, piercing even to the become High Priest, but it was He who

division of soul and spirit, and of joints said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I

and marrow, and is a discerner of the have begotten You." thoughts and intents of the heart.

6As He also says in another place: "You

are a priest forever According to the 6Therefore, leaving the discussion of

order of Melchizedek";

the elementary principles of Christ, let

us go on to perfection, not laying again

7who, in the days of His flesh, when He the foundation of repentance from dead

had offered up prayers and works and of faith toward God, supplications, with vehement cries and

tears to Him who was able to save Him 2

of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on

from death, and was heard because of

of hands, of resurrection of the dead,

His godly fear,

and of eternal judgment.

8though He was a Son, yet He learned 3And this we will do if God permits. obedience by the things which He

suffered. 4

For it is impossible for those who were

once enlightened, and have tasted the

'And having been perfected, He became

heavenly gift, and have become

the author of eternal salvation to all who

partakers of the Holy Spirit,

obey Him,

1

Called by God as High Priest s and have tasted the good word of God

and the powers of the age to come,

"according to the order of Melchizedek,"

1

1 whom we have much to say, and 6 if they fall away, to renew them again to

repentance, since they crucify again for

hard to explain, since you have become

themselves the Son of God, and put

dull of hearing.

Him to an open shame.

12

For though by this time you ought to 7

For the earth which drinks in the rain

be teachers, you need someone to

that often comes upon it, and bears

teach you again the first principles of the

herbs useful for those by whom it is

oracles of God; and you have come to

cultivated, receives blessing from God;

need milk and not solid food.

1

3For everyone who partakes only of sbut if it bears thorns and briers,
it is

rejected and near to being cursed,

milk is unskilled in the word of

whose end is to be burned.

righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But, beloved, we are confident of better

But solid food belongs to those who

things concerning you, yes, things that

are of full age, that is, those who by

accompany salvation, though we speak

reason of use have their senses

in this manner.

exercised to discern both good and evil.

1 0For God is not unjust to forget your

work and labor of love which you have

shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and
do Priest forever according to the order of

minister. Melchizedek.

11

And we desire that each one of you

show the same diligence to the full 7 For this Melchizedek, king of
Salem, assurance of hope until the end,

priest of the Most High God, who met

1 Abraham returning from the slaughter of 2 hat you do not become
sluggish, but

the kings and blessed him,

imitate those who through faith and

patience inherit the promises. ²

to whom also Abraham gave a tenth

¹ part of all, first being translated "king of ³For when God made a promise to

righteousness," and then also king of

Abraham, because He could swear by Salem, meaning "king of peace," no one greater, He swore by Himself,

3

¹ without father, without mother, without ⁴saying, "Surely blessing I will bless

genealogy, having neither beginning of

you, and multiplying I will multiply you." days nor end of life, but made like the

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⁵And so, after he had patiently endured, Son of God, remains a priest continually.

he obtained the promise. ⁴ Now consider how great this man was,

¹ gave a tenth of the spoils.

⁶For men indeed swear by the greater, to whom even the patriarch Abraham

and an oath for confirmation is for them

an end of all dispute. ⁵And indeed those who are of the sons

of Levi, who receive the priesthood,

Thus God, determining to show more have a commandment to receive tithes

abundantly to the heirs of promise the from the people according to the law,

immutability of His counsel, confirmed it that is, from their brethren, though they

by an oath, have come from the loins of Abraham;

16 ' that by two immutable things, in which but he whose genealogy is not derived it is impossible for God to lie, we might from them received tithes from Abraham

have strong consolation, who have fled and blessed him who had the promises.

for refuge to lay hold of the hope set

before us. 7Now beyond all contradiction the lesser

is blessed by the better.

1 ' This hope we have as an anchor of the

soul, both sure and steadfast, and which 8 Here mortal men receive tithes, but enters the Presence behind the veil, there he receives them, of whom it is

2

Where the forerunner has entered for witnessed that he lives.

us, even Jesus, having become High 'Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid

tithes through Abraham, so to speak,

10 For he was still in the loins of his father

a better hope, through which we draw

when Melchizedek met him. near to God.

1 2 1Therefore, if perfection were through 0And inasmuch as He was not made the Levitical priesthood (for under it the priest without an oath people received the law), what further

need was there that another priest 2 1(

for they have become priests without

should rise according to the order of an oath, but He with an oath by Him

Melchizedek, and not be called who said to Him: "The LORD has sworn according to the order of Aaron? And will not relent, "You are a priest

1 Melchizedek"),

2For the priesthood being changed, of forever According to the order of

necessity there is also a change of the

law. 2 2

by so much more Jesus has become a

1

3For He of whom these things are surety of a better covenant.

spoken belongs to another tribe, from 23Also there were many priests, because which no man has officiated at the altar. they were prevented by death from

continuing.

14

For it is evident that our Lord arose

from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke 2 4

But He, because He continues forever,

nothing concerning priesthood. has an unchangeable priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the 25 Therefore He is also able to save to likeness of Melchizedek, there arises the uttermost those who come to God

another priest through Him, since He always lives to
make intercession for them.

16

who has come, not according to the
law of a fleshly commandment, but 2 6 For such a High Priest was fitting for according to the power of an endless life. us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled,

1 higher than the heavens;

7 For He testifies: "You are a priest separate from sinners, and has become

forever According to the order of
Melchizedek." 2 7 who does not need daily, as those

1 for His own sins and then for the

8 For on the one hand there is an high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first

annulling of the former commandment people's, for this He did once for all

because of its weakness and when He offered up Himself.
unprofitableness,

2 8 For the law appoints as high priests

1 9 or the law made nothing perfect; on

men who have weakness, but the word

the other hand, there is the bringing in of of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been covenant with the house of Israel and

perfected forever. with the house of Judah--

9not according to the covenant that I

8Now this is the main point of the made with their fathers in the day when I

took them by the hand to lead them out

things we are saying: We have such a

of the land of Egypt; because they did

High Priest, who is seated at the right

not continue in My covenant, and I

hand of the throne of the Majesty in the

disregarded them, says the LORD.

heavens,

1 0For this is the covenant that I will make

2a Minister of the sanctuary and of the

with the house of Israel after those days,

true tabernacle which the Lord erected,

says the LORD: I will put My laws in

and not man.

their mind and write them on their

3 hearts; and I will be their God, and they For every high priest is appointed to shall be My people. offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore

it is necessary that this One also have ¹None of them shall teach his neighbor, something to offer. and none his brother, saying, "Know the ⁴ LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the

For if He were on earth, He would not least of them to the greatest of them.

be a priest, since there are priests who

offer the gifts according to the law; ¹ 2For I will be merciful to their s unrighteousness, and their sins and

who serve the copy and shadow of the their lawless deeds I will remember no

heavenly things, as Moses was divinely

more."

instructed when he was about to make

the tabernacle. For He said, "See that ^h o n that He says, "A new covenant," He you make all things according to the

pattern shown you on the mountain." has made the first obsolete. Now what is

becoming obsolete and growing old is

⁶ ready to vanish away.

But now He has obtained a more

excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is

also Mediator of a better covenant,

which was established on better ⁹Then indeed, even the first covenant promises. had ordinances of divine service and the

earthly sanctuary.

⁷For if that first covenant had been

faultless, then no place would have ²For a tabernacle was prepared:
the first been sought for a second. part, in which was the lampstand,
the

table, and the showbread, which is

⁸ called the sanctuary; Because finding fault with them, He says:
"Behold, the days are coming,

says the LORD, when I will make a new hand behind the second veil,
the part of and more perfect tabernacle not made

the tabernacle which is called the with hands, that is, not of this
creation.

Holiest of All,

¹²

Not with the blood of goats and calves,

⁴which had the golden censer and the but with His own blood He
entered the

ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides Most Holy Place once for all,
having

with gold, in which were the golden pot obtained eternal redemption.
that had the manna, Aaron's rod that

budded, and the tablets of the covenant; ¹ ³For if the blood of bulls
and goats and

the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the

sand above it were the cherubim of glory unclean, sanctifies for the
purifying of

overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these the flesh, things we cannot
now speak in detail.

¹ ⁴how much more shall the blood of

6Now when these things had been thus Christ, who through the eternal Spirit

prepared, the priests always went into offered Himself without spot to God,

the first part of the tabernacle, cleanse your conscience from dead performing the services. works to serve the living God?

7¹ But into the second part the high priest 5And for this reason He is the Mediator went alone once a year, not without of the new covenant, by means of death,

blood, which he offered for himself and for the redemption of the transgressions

for the people's sins committed in under the first covenant, that those who

ignorance; are called may receive the promise of

the eternal inheritance.

8the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the 6For where there is a testament, there

way into the Holiest of All was not yet ¹

made manifest while the first tabernacle must also of necessity be the death of

was still standing. the testator.

'It was symbolic for the present time in ¹ 7For a testament is in force after men which both gifts and sacrifices are are dead, since it has no power at all

offered which cannot make him who while the testator lives. performed the service perfect in regard

to the conscience-- 1 ' Therefore not even the first covenant

1

0concerned only with foods and drinks, was dedicated without blood.

various washings, and fleshly 1 ' For when Moses had spoken every ordinances imposed until the time of precept to all the people according to

reformation. the law, he took the blood of calves and

1 hyssop, and sprinkled both the book

1But Christ came as High Priest of the goats, with water, scarlet wool, and

good things to come, with the greater itself and all the people, 20saying, "This is the blood of the

covenant which God has commanded 1 0 For the law, having a shadow of you."

the good things to come, and not the

2 very image of the things, can never with 1 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood 1 these same sacrifices, which they offer

both the tabernacle and all the vessels continually year by year, make those

of the ministry. who approach perfect.

2 2 2 And according to the law almost all For then would they not have ceased to things are purified with blood, and be offered? For the worshipers, once

without shedding of blood there is no purified, would have had no more

remission. consciousness of sins.

2Therefore it was necessary that the 3But in those sacrifices there is
a copies of the things in the heavens reminder of sins every year.
should be purified with these, but the

heavenly things themselves with better 4

For it is not possible that the blood of
sacrifices than these.

bulls and goats could take away sins.

24

For Christ has not entered the holy 5

Therefore, when He came into the
places made with hands, which are

world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering
copies of the true, but into heaven itself,

You did not desire, But a body You have
now to appear in the presence of God

prepared for Me.

for us;

2 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin

5 6

not that He should offer Himself often,

You had no pleasure.

as the high priest enters the Most Holy

Place every year with blood of another-- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have
come-- In

2 the volume of the book it is written of 6He then would have had to

suffer often

Me-- To do Your will, O God."

since the foundation of the world; but

now, once at the end of the ages, He sPreviously saying, "Sacrifice and has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. offering, burnt offerings, and offerings

for sin You did not desire, nor had

27 pleasure in them" (which are offered

And as it is appointed for men to die

according to the law),

once, but after this the judgment,

2 then He said, "Behold, I have come to

' so Christ was offered once to bear the

do Your will, O God." He takes away the

sins of many. To those who eagerly wait

first that He may establish the second.

for Him He will appear a second time,

apart from sin, for salvation.

1 2 OBy that will we have been sanctified

1

and having a High Priest over the

through the offering of the body of Jesus house of God, Christ once for all.

2 2 et us draw near with a true heart in full

And every priest stands ministering assurance of faith, having our hearts

daily and offering repeatedly the same sprinkled from an evil conscience and

sacrifices, which can never take away our bodies washed with pure water. sins.

2 3

1 hope without wavering, for He who

2But this Man, after He had offered one Let us hold fast the confession of our

sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the promised is faithful. right hand of God,

2 4

1 order to stir up love and good works,

3from that time waiting till His enemies And let us consider one another in

are made His footstool.

25not forsaking the assembling of

14

For by one offering He has perfected ourselves together, as is the manner of

forever those who are being sanctified. some, but exhorting one another, and so

much the more as you see the Day

15But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to

approaching.

us; for after He had said before, 6For if we sin willfully after we have

1 6§ received the knowledge of the truth, "This

is the covenant that I will make

with them after those days, says the there no longer remains a sacrifice for

LORD: I will put My laws into their sins, hearts, and in their minds I will write

2 7

them," but a certain fearful expectation of

judgment, and fiery indignation which

1 7 hen He adds, "Their sins and their will devour the adversaries. lawless deeds I will remember no more."

2 ' Anyone who has rejected Moses' law

1 dies without mercy on the testimony of ' Now where there is remission of these,

there is no longer an offering for sin. two or three witnesses.

1 2 ' Of how much worse punishment, do ' Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of you suppose, will he be thought worthy

Jesus, who has trampled the Son of God

underfoot, counted the blood of the

20 covenant by which he was sanctified a

by a new and living way which He

common thing, and insulted the Spirit of

consecrated for us, through the veil, that

grace?

is, His flesh,

30 For we know Him who said,

"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says 1 1 Now faith is the substance of

the Lord. And again, "The LORD will things hoped for, the evidence of things

judge His people."

not seen.

31 I is a fearful thing to fall into the hands 2 For by it the elders obtained a good of the living God. testimony.

32 3 By faith we understand that the worlds

But recall the former days in which,

after you were illuminated, you endured

were framed by the word of God, so that
a great struggle with sufferings: the things which are seen were not

33 p made of things which are visible. artly while you were made a
spectacle both by reproaches and 4

By faith Abel offered to God a more
tribulations, and partly while you excellent sacrifice than Cain,
through

became companions of those who were

which he obtained witness that he was
so treated;

righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and

34 or you had compassion on me in my through it he being dead still speaks.

chains, and joyfully accepted the ⁵

By faith Enoch was taken away so that
plundering of your goods, knowing that he did not see death, "and was not

you have a better and an enduring found, because God had taken him"; for

possession for yourselves in heaven. before he was taken he had this

³ testimony, that he pleased God. ⁵Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. ⁶

But without faith it is impossible to

36 please Him, for he who comes to God For you have need of endurance, so must believe that He is, and that He is a

that after you have done the will of God, rewarder of those who diligently seek

you may receive the promise: Him.

³ ⁷ 'For yet a little while, And He who is By faith Noah, being divinely warned of coming will come and will not tarry. things not yet seen, moved with godly

38Now the just shall live by faith; But if fear, prepared an ark for the saving of

his household, by which he condemned

anyone draws back, My soul has no the world and became heir of the pleasure in him." righteousness which is according to faith.

38 ' But we are not of those who draw back By faith Abraham obeyed when he was to perdition, but of those who believe to called to go out to the place which he

the saving of the soul. would receive as an inheritance. And he

went out, not knowing where he was
going.

'By faith he dwelt in the land of promise received the promises offered up his

as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents only begotten son, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him

of the same promise; 18 whom it was said, "In Isaac your

seed shall be called,"

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or he waited for the city which has

foundations, whose builder and maker is 1 ' concluding that God was able to raise God. him up, even from the dead, from which

1 sense.

1By faith Sarah herself also received he also received him in a figurative

strength to conceive seed, and she bore

a child when she was past the age, 2 OBy faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau because she judged Him faithful who concerning things to come. had promised.

2 1By faith Jacob, when he was dying,

¹²Therefore from one man, and him as

blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and

good as dead, were born as many as worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

the stars of the sky in multitude--

innumerable as the sand which is by the ² ²By faith Joseph, when he was dying, seashore.

made mention of the departure of the

¹ children of Israel, and gave instructions ³These all died in faith, not having

concerning his bones.

received the promises, but having seen

them afar off were assured of them, ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, embraced them and confessed that they

was hidden three months by his parents,

were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

because they saw he was a beautiful

¹ child; and they were not afraid of the ⁴For those who say such things declare

king's command.

plainly that they seek a homeland.

² ⁴

¹ By faith Moses, when he became of ⁵And truly if they had called to mind that

age, refused to be called the son of

country from which they had come out, Pharaoh's daughter, they would have had opportunity to

return. ² ⁵choosing rather to suffer affliction with

1 the people of God than to enjoy the 6But now they desire a better,
that is, a

passing pleasures of sin,

heavenly country. Therefore God is not

ashamed to be called their God, for He 2 6esteeming the reproach of
Christ has prepared a city for them.

greater riches than the treasures in

1 Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 7By faith Abraham, when he was
tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had 27 36still others had trial of
mockings and

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing

the wrath of the king; for he endured as scourgings, yes, and of chains
and

seeing Him who is invisible. imprisonment.

2 3 7

' By faith he kept the Passover and the They were stoned, they were
sawn in

sprinkling of blood, lest he who two, were tempted, were slain with
the

destroyed the firstborn should touch sword. They wandered about in
them. sheepskins and goatskins, being

destitute, afflicted, tormented--

2' By faith they passed through the Red

Sea as by dry land, whereas the 3 8 whom the world was not worthy.
Egyptians, attempting to do so, were They wandered in deserts and
drowned. mountains, in dens and caves of the

earth.

30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down

after they were encircled for seven days. 3' And all these, having

obtained a good

testimony through faith, did not receive

31 By faith the harlot Rahab did not the promise,

perish with those who did not believe, O God having provided something better

when she had received the spies with 4

peace. for us, that they should not be made

perfect apart from us.

32

And what more shall I say? For the

time would fail me to tell of Gideon and

Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also 1 2 Therefore we also, since we are of David and Samuel and the prophets: surrounded by so great a cloud of

witnesses, let us lay aside every weight,

33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,

worked righteousness, obtained and let us run with endurance the race promises, stopped the mouths of lions, that is set before us,

34 q 2 quenched the violence of fire, escaped looking unto Jesus, the author and the edge of the sword, out of weakness finisher of our faith, who for the joy that

were made strong, became valiant in was set before Him endured the cross,

battle, turned to flight the armies of the despising the shame, and has sat down

aliens. at the right hand of the throne of God.

3Women received their dead raised to 3For consider Him who endured such

life again. Others were tortured, not hostility from sinners against Himself,

accepting deliverance, that they might lest you become weary and discouraged

obtain a better resurrection. in your souls.

4 h You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, and make straight paths for your feet, striving against sin. so that what is lame may not be

dislocated, but rather be healed.

5And you have forgotten the exhortation

1 4

which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, Pursue peace with all people, and

do not despise the chastening of the holiness, without which no one will see

LORD, Nor be discouraged when you the Lord: are rebuked by Him;

1 5 ooking carefully lest anyone fall short

6For whom the LORD loves He chastens, of the grace of God; lest any root of

And scourges every son whom He bitterness springing up cause trouble,

receives." and by this many become defiled;

7 1 If you endure chastening, God deals 6 est there be any fornicator or profane with you as with sons; for what son is person like Esau, who for one morsel of

there whom a father does not chasten? food sold his birthright.

1 7

'But if you are without chastening, of For you know that afterward,
when he

which all have become partakers, then wanted to inherit the blessing,
he was

you are illegitimate and not sons. rejected, for he found no place for
repentance, though he sought it

'Furthermore, we have had human diligently with tears. fathers who
corrected us, and we paid

1 8

them respect. Shall we not much more For you have not come to the
readily be in subjection to the Father of mountain that may be
touched and that

spirits and live? burned with fire, and to blackness and

darkness and tempest,

10

For they indeed for a few days

chastened us as seemed best to them, 1 ' and the sound of a trumpet
and the but He for our profit, that we may be voice of words, so that
those who heard

partakers of His holiness. it begged that the word should not be

spoken to them anymore.

11Now no chastening seems to be joyful

for the present, but painful; nevertheless, 20(For they could not endure
what was afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of commanded: "And
if so much as a beast

righteousness to those who have been touches the mountain, it shall

be stoned

trained by it. or shot with an arrow."

1 2 1 2 Therefore strengthen the hands which

And so terrifying was the sight that
hang down, and the feeble knees, Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid
and trembling.")

2 2 2

But you have come to Mount Zion and Do not forget to entertain
strangers, for
to the city of the living God, the by so doing some have unwittingly
heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable entertained angels. company
of angels,

3

2 with them--those who are mistreated--

3 the general assembly and church of Remember the prisoners as if
chained

the firstborn who are registered in since you yourselves are in the
body

heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the also. spirits of just men made
perfect,

4 Marriage is honorable among all, and

24 o Jesus the Mediator of the new

the bed undefiled; but fornicators and
covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling adulterers God will judge.
that speaks better things than that of

Abel. 5 Let your conduct be without

covetousness; be content with such

25 See that you do not refuse Him who things as you have. For He Himself has

speaks. For if they did not escape who said, "I will never leave you nor forsake

refused Him who spoke on earth, much you." more shall we not escape if we turn

away from Him who speaks from 6 So we may boldly say: "The LORD is

heaven, my helper; I will not fear. What can man

do to me?"

26 whose voice then shook the earth; but

now He has promised, saying, "Yet once 7 Remember those who rule over you, more I shake not only the earth, but also who have spoken the word of God to

heaven." you, whose faith follow, considering the

2

7 Now this, "Yet once more," indicates outcome of their conduct.

the removal of those things that are 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, being shaken, as of things that are today, and forever. made, that the things which cannot be

shaken may remain. 9 Do not be carried about with various

2 and strange doctrines. For it is good that

' Therefore, since we are receiving a the heart be established by grace, not

kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us with foods which have not profited those

have grace, by which we may serve who have been occupied with them. God acceptably with reverence and

godly fear. 10 We have an altar from which those

who serve the tabernacle have no right

2' For our God is a consuming fire. to eat.

11

For the bodies of those animals,

1 3Let brotherly love continue. whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are 18Pray for us; for we are confident that burned outside the camp. we have a good conscience, in all things

desiring to live honorably.

12Therefore Jesus also, that He might

sanctify the people with His own blood, 1 ' But I especially urge you to do this, suffered outside the gate. that I may be restored to you the sooner.

1 2 0 3Therefore let us go forth to Him,

Now may the God of peace who

outside the camp, bearing His reproach. brought up our Lord Jesus from the

dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

14 through the blood of the everlasting

For here we have no continuing city,

but we seek the one to come. covenant,

1

5Therefore by Him let us continually 2 1 ake you complete in every good

offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that work to do His will, working in you what

is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to is well pleasing in His sight,
through

His name. Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever

and ever. Amen.

16 But do not forget to do good and to

2 2

share, for with such sacrifices God is And I appeal to you, brethren,
bear

well pleased. with the word of exhortation, for I have

written to you in few words.

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be 2

3

submissive, for they watch out for your Know that our brother
Timothy has

souls, as those who must give account. been set free, with whom I
shall see you

Let them do so with joy and not with if he comes shortly. grief, for
that would be unprofitable for

you. 2 4

Greet all those who rule over you, and
all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

2 5

Grace be with you all. Amen.

The Christ according to Apostle John

1 2

But as many as received Him, to them

He gave the right to become children of

1 God, to those who believe in His name: In the beginning was the Word, and

the Word was with God, and the Word 1 3 who were born, not of blood, nor of the was God. will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, 2 but of God.

He was in the beginning with God.

1 4

3 All things were made through Him, and And the Word became flesh and dwelt

among us, and we beheld His glory, the

without Him nothing was made that was glory as of the only begotten of the

made. Father, full of grace and truth.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the 1 5

John bore witness of Him and cried

light of men. out, saying, "This was He of whom I said,

5 "He who comes after me is preferred

And the light shines in the darkness, before me, for He was before me."

and the darkness did not comprehend it.

1 6 And of His fullness we have all

6 There was a man sent from God, received, and grace for grace. whose name was John.

1 7

For the law was given through Moses,

7 This man came for a witness, to bear but grace and truth came through Jesus

witness of the Light, that all through him Christ. might believe.

1 8

8 No one has seen God at any time. The

He was not that Light, but was sent to only begotten Son, who is in the bosom

bear witness of that Light. of the Father, He has declared Him.

That was the true Light which gives 1 ' Now this is the testimony of John,

light to every man coming into the world. when the Jews sent priests and Levites

1 you?"

0 He was in the world, and the world from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are

was made through Him, and the world

did not know Him. 2 0 He confessed, and did not deny, but

confessed, "I am not the Christ."

He came to His own, and His own did
 not receive Him. ² 1And they asked him, "What then? Are
 you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he
 answered, ³1 did not know Him; but that He should "No." be revealed
 to Israel, therefore I came
 baptizing with water."

22

Then they said to him, "Who are you,
 32
 that we may give an answer to those And John bore witness, saying, "I
 saw
 who sent us? What do you say about the Spirit descending from
 heaven like a
 yourself?" dove, and He remained upon Him.

²³ 33) did not know Him, but He who sent

He said: "I am "The voice of one crying
 in the wilderness: "Make straight the me to baptize with water said to
 me,
 way of the LORD,"" as the prophet "Upon whom you see the Spirit
 Isaiah said." descending, and remaining on Him, this
 is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

²⁴Now those who were sent were from
 the Pharisees. ³⁴And I have seen and testified that this
 is the Son of God."

²⁵And they asked him, saying, "Why

then do you baptize if you are not the 35 Again, the next day, John stood with

Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" two of his disciples.

26 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he

John answered them, saying, "I

baptize with water, but there stands One said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" among you whom you do not know.

37

The two disciples heard him speak,

27 is He who, coming after me, is

and they followed Jesus.

preferred before me, whose sandal

strap I am not worthy to loose." 3' Then Jesus turned, and seeing them

following, said to them, "What do you

2 ' These things were done in Bethabara seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which

beyond the Jordan, where John was is to say, when translated, Teacher),

baptizing. "where are You staying?"

2 3 ' The next day John saw Jesus coming ' He said to them, "Come and see."

toward him, and said, "Behold! The They came and saw where He was

Lamb of God who takes away the sin of staying, and remained with Him that day

the world! (now it was about the tenth hour).

3 4 0 0 This is He of whom I said, "After me

One of the two who heard John speak,
comes a Man who is preferred before and followed Him, was Andrew,
Simon

me, for He was before me.' Peter's brother.

4 1

He first found his own brother Simon,
and said to him, "We have found the

Messiah" (which is translated, the And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I

Christ). say to you, hereafter you shall see

heaven open, and the angels of God

42 ascending and descending upon the

And he brought him to Jesus. Now

when Jesus looked at him, He said, Son of Man."

"You are Simon the son of Jonah. You

shall be called Cephas" (which is

translated, A Stone). 2On the third day there was a wedding

4 in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of 3The following day Jesus wanted to go

Jesus was there.

to Galilee, and He found Philip and said

to him, "Follow Me." 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were

4 invited to the wedding. 4Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the

city of Andrew and Peter. 3And when they ran out of wine, the

4 mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have 5 hilip found Nathanael and said to him,

no wine."

"We have found Him of whom Moses in

the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- 4

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does

Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

your concern have to do with Me? My

4 hour has not yet come." 6And Nathanael said to him, "Can

anything good come out of Nazareth?" 5His mother said to the servants, Philip said to him, "Come and see." "Whatever He says to you, do it."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward 6 Now there were set there six waterpots Him, and said of him, "Behold, an of stone, according to the manner of

Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" purification of the Jews, containing

4 twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

' Nathanael said to Him, "How do You

know me?" Jesus answered and said to 7

Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots

him, "Before Philip called you, when you with water." And they filled them up to

were under the fig tree, I saw you." the brim.

4' Nathanael answered and said to Him,

8 And He said to them, "Draw some out

"Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You now, and take it to the master of the

are the King of Israel!" feast." And they took it.

Jesus answered and said to him, 'When the master of the feast had

"Because I said to you, "I saw you under tasted the water that was made wine,

the fig tree,' do you believe? You will and did not know where it came from

see greater things than these." (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast ¹ Jesus answered and said to them, called the bridegroom. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I

will raise it up."

¹⁰And he said to him, "Every man at the

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beginning sets out the good wine, and Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-

when the guests have well drunk, then six years to build this temple, and will

the inferior. You have kept the good You raise it up in three days?" wine until now!"

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¹ His body.

¹This beginning of signs Jesus did in But He was speaking of the temple of

Cana of Galilee, and manifested His

glory; and His disciples believed in Him. ² 2Therefore, when He had risen from the

¹ had said this to them; and they believed

²After this He went down to Capernaum, dead, His disciples remembered that He

He, His mother, His brothers, and His the Scripture and the word

which Jesus

disciples; and they did not stay there had said. many days.

23Now when He was in Jerusalem at the

13Now the Passover of the Jews was at

Passover, during the feast, many

hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. believed in His name when
they saw the

signs which He did.

14 And He found in the temple those who 2

4

sold oxen and sheep and doves, and But Jesus did not commit
Himself to

the money changers doing business. them, because He knew all men,

1 2 5 5

When He had made a whip of cords, and had no need that anyone
should

He drove them all out of the temple, with testify of man, for He knew
what was in

the sheep and the oxen, and poured out man. the changers' money and
overturned the

tables.

1 3 There was a man of the Pharisees 6And He said to those who sold
doves,

named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

"Take these things away! Do not make

My Father's house a house of 2 This man came to Jesus by night and merchandise!" said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You

1 are a teacher come from God; for no 7Then His disciples remembered that it

one can do these signs that You do
was written, "Zeal for Your house has

unless God is with him."

eaten Me up."

1 3Jesus answered and said to him, "Most

' So the Jews answered and said to assuredly, I say to you, unless one is

Him, "What sign do You show to us, born again, he cannot see the kingdom

since You do these things?" of God."

4 14

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a And as Moses lifted up the serpent in

man be born when he is old? Can he the wilderness, even so must the Son of

enter a second time into his mother's Man be lifted up, womb and be born?"

1 5

that whoever believes in Him should

5Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say not perish but have eternal life. to you, unless one is born of water and

the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom 1 6For God so loved the world that He of God. gave His only begotten Son, that

whoever believes in Him should not

6That which is born of the flesh is flesh, perish but have everlasting life. and that which is born of the Spirit is

spirit. 1 7For God did not send His Son into the 7 world to condemn the world, but that the

Do not marvel that I said to you, "You world through Him might be saved.

must be born again.'

1 "" He who believes in Him is not

'The wind blows where it wishes, and condemned; but he who does not

you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell believe is condemned already, because

where it comes from and where it goes. he has not believed in the name of the

So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." only begotten Son of God.

'Nicodemus answered and said to Him, 1' And this is the condemnation, that the "How can these things be?" light has come into the world, and men

loved darkness rather than light,

10 because their deeds were evil.

Jesus answered and said to him, "Are
you the teacher of Israel, and do not
know these things? 2 0

For everyone practicing evil hates the

light and does not come to the light, lest

11 his deeds should be exposed.

Most assuredly, I say to you, We
speak what We know and testify what
We have seen, and you do not receive ² 1But he who does the truth
comes to Our witness. the light, that his deeds may be clearly
seen, that they have been done in God."

¹²) I have told you earthly things and
you do not believe, how will you believe ²2

After these things Jesus and His
if I tell you heavenly things? disciples came into the land of Judea,
and there He remained with them and

¹³No one has ascended to heaven but
baptized.

He who came down from heaven, that is,
the Son of Man who is in heaven. ² 3Now John also was baptizing in
Aenon

near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and
were ³3He who has received His testimony
baptized. has certified that God is true.

²⁴ ³⁴For He whom God has sent speaks

For John had not yet been thrown into
prison. the words of God, for God does not give
the Spirit by measure.

²⁵
Then there arose a dispute between

some of John's disciples and the Jews The Father loves the Son, and has

about purification. given all things into His hand.

23 6And they came to John and said to 6He who believes in the Son has him, "Rabbi, He who was with you everlasting life; and he who does not

beyond the Jordan, to whom you have believe the Son shall not see life, but the

testified--behold, He is baptizing, and all wrath of God abides on him." are coming to Him!"

27

John answered and said, "A man can 4Therefore, when the Lord knew that

receive nothing unless it has been given

the Pharisees had heard that Jesus

to him from heaven. made and baptized more disciples than

2 John

' You yourselves bear me witness, that I

said, "I am not the Christ,' but, "I have 2

(though Jesus Himself did not baptize,

been sent before Him.'

but His disciples),

2' He who has the bride is the 3He left Judea and departed again to bridegroom; but the friend of the

Galilee.

bridegroom, who stands and hears him,

rejoices greatly because of the ⁴ But He needed to go through Samaria.
bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of

mine is fulfilled. ⁵So He came to a city of Samaria which

³⁰He must increase, but I must decrease. is called Sychar, near the
plot of ground

that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

³¹He who comes from above is above ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there.
Jesus all; he who is of the earth is earthly and therefore, being
wearied from His speaks of the earth. He who comes from journey, sat
thus by the well. It was heaven is above all. about the sixth hour.

³²And what He has seen and heard, that ⁷A woman of Samaria came
to draw He testifies; and no one receives His water. Jesus said to her,
"Give Me a testimony. drink." ^{8 17}

For His disciples had gone away into The woman answered and said,
"I

the city to buy food. have no husband." Jesus said to her,

"You have well said, "I have no

"Then the woman of Samaria said to husband,"

Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ⁸ or you have had five
husbands, and

ask a drink from me, a Samaritan ¹

woman?" For Jews have no dealings the one whom you now have is
not your

with Samaritans. husband; in that you spoke truly."

Jesus answered and said to her, "If ' The woman said to Him, "Sir, I
you knew the gift of God, and who it is perceive that You are a
prophet. who says to you, "Give Me a drink,' you

would have asked Him, and He would 2 0Our fathers worshiped on
this have given you living water." mountain, and you Jews say that in

Jerusalem is the place where one ought

11

The woman said to Him, "Sir, You to worship."

have nothing to draw with, and the well

is deep. Where then do You get that 21Jesus said to her, "Woman,
believe living water? Me, the hour is coming when you will

neither on this mountain, nor in

12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, Jerusalem, worship the
Father. who gave us the well, and drank from it

himself, as well as his sons and his 2 2You worship what you do not
know; livestock?" we know what we worship, for salvation

is of the Jews.

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Jesus answered and said to her,

"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst 2 3

But the hour is coming, and now is,
again, when the true worshipers will worship

the Father in spirit and truth; for the

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but whoever drinks of the water that I Father is seeking such to
worship Him.

shall give him will never thirst. But the

water that I shall give him will become in ² 4God is Spirit, and those who worship him a fountain of water springing up into Him must worship in spirit and truth."

everlasting life."

² 5The woman said to Him, "I know that

¹⁵ The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me

Messiah is coming" (who is called

this water, that I may not thirst, nor Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us

come here to draw." all things."

¹ ² ⁶ 6Jesus said to her, "Go, call your

Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you

husband, and come here." am He."

²⁷ ³⁷ For in this the saying is true: "One

And at this point His disciples came,

and they marveled that He talked with a sows and another reaps.' woman; yet no one said, "What do You

seek?" or, "Why are You talking with ³⁸ sent you to reap that for which you

her?" have not labored; others have labored,

and you have entered into their labors."

² The woman then left her waterpot,

went her way into the city, and said to ³ And many of the Samaritans of that

the men, city believed in Him because of the word

of the woman who testified, "He told me

2" Come, see a Man who told me all all that I ever did." things that I ever did. Could this be the

Christ?" 4 0So when the Samaritans had come to

3 and He stayed there two days.

0Then they went out of the city and Him, they urged Him to stay with them;

came to Him.

4 1

Um the meantime His disciples urged His own word. And many more believed because of Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

4 2Then they said to the woman, "Now

32But He said to them, "I have food to we believe, not because of what you

eat of which you do not know." said, for we ourselves have heard Him

and we know that this is indeed the

33Therefore the disciples said to one Christ, the Savior of the world." another, "Has anyone brought Him

anything to eat?" 4 3

Now after the two days He departed

from there and went to Galilee.

34Jesus said to them, "My food is to do 4 4 the will of Him who sent Me, and to For Jesus Himself testified that a finish His work. prophet has no honor in his own country.

35Do you not say, "There are still four 45So when He came to Galilee,

the months and then comes the harvest'? Galileans received Him,
having seen all

Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes the things He did in Jerusalem
at the

and look at the fields, for they are feast; for they also had gone to the
feast.

already white for harvest!

4 6

36 And he who reaps receives wages, So Jesus came again to Cana of

Galilee where He had made the water

and gathers fruit for eternal life, that wine. And there was a certain
nobleman

both he who sows and he who reaps whose son was sick at
Capernaum. may rejoice together.

4 7

When he heard that Jesus had come

out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come
down 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick

and heal his son, for he was at the point people, blind, lame,
paralyzed, waiting

of death. for the moving of the water.

4 4 ' Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you For an angel went down at a
certain people see signs and wonders, you will time into the pool and
stirred up the

by no means believe." water; then whoever stepped in first,

after the stirring of the water, was made

4 well of whatever disease he had. ' The nobleman said to Him, "Sir,
come down before my child dies!"

5Now a certain man was there who had

50 an infirmity thirty-eight years.

Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your
son lives." So the man believed the

word that Jesus spoke to him, and he 6 When Jesus saw him lying
there, and went his way. knew that he already had been in that

condition a long time, He said to him,

51 "Do you want to be made well?"

And as he was now going down, his
servants met him and told him, saying,

"Your son lives!" 7The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I

have no man to put me into the pool

52 when the water is stirred up; but while I

Then he inquired of them the hour

when he got better. And they said to him, am coming, another steps
down before

"Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever me." left him."

8Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your

53 bed and walk."

So the father knew that it was at the
same hour in which Jesus said to him,

"Your son lives." And he himself 'And immediately the man was made
believed, and his whole household. well, took up his bed, and walked.
And

that day was the Sabbath.

54This again is the second sign Jesus

did when He had come out of Judea into ¹ 0The Jews therefore said to him who Galilee. was cured, "It is the Sabbath; it is not

lawful for you to carry your bed."

5After this there was a feast of the He answered them, "He who made me ¹ 1

well said to me, "Take up your bed and
Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. walk."

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the ²Then they asked him, "Who is the Man

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Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in

who said to you, "Take up your bed and
Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

walk'?"

¹ ² 3But the one who was healed did not

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For the Father judges no one, but has
know who it was, for Jesus had committed all judgment to the Son,
withdrawn, a multitude being in that

place. ² 3that all should honor the Son just as

they honor the Father. He who does not

¹ 4Afterward Jesus found him in the

honor the Son does not honor the

temple, and said to him, "See, you have Father who sent Him. been
made well. Sin no more, lest a

worse thing come upon you." 2 4 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who

1 sent Me has everlasting life, and shall

5The man departed and told the Jews hears My word and believes in Him who

that it was Jesus who had made him not come into judgment, but has passed

well. from death into life.

1 2 6For this reason the Jews persecuted 5Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because is coming, and now is, when the dead

He had done these things on the will hear the voice of the Son of God; Sabbath. and those who hear will live.

1 2 7 6For as the Father has life in Himself,

But Jesus answered them, "My Father has been working until now, and I have so He has granted the Son to have life been working." in Himself,

1 2 7

' Therefore the Jews sought all the and has given Him authority to more to kill Him, because He not only execute judgment also, because He is

broke the Sabbath, but also said that the Son of Man. God was His Father, making Himself

equal with God. 2 8Do not marvel at this; for the hour is

coming in which all who are in the

1 ' Then Jesus answered and said to graves will hear His voice them,
"Most assuredly, I say to you, the

Son can do nothing of Himself, but what 2 ' and come forth--those who
have done He sees the Father do; for whatever He good, to the
resurrection of life, and

does, the Son also does in like manner. those who have done evil, to
the

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0For the Father loves the Son, and resurrection of condemnation.

shows Him all things that He Himself 30 can of Myself do nothing. As
I hear, I

does; and He will show Him greater judge; and My judgment is
righteous,

works than these, that you may marvel. because I do not seek My own
will but

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1For as the Father raises the dead and the will of the Father who sent
Me.

gives life to them, even so the Son gives 3 14a I bear witness of Myself,
My witness life to whom He will. is not true.

3 4 23 have come in My Father's name, and There is another who bears
witness of Me, and I know that the witness which you do not receive
Me; if another comes

He witnesses of Me is true. in his own name, him you will receive.

33 44

You have sent to John, and he has How can you believe, who
receive

borne witness to the truth. honor from one another, and do not

seek the honor that comes from the only

34 God? Yet I do not receive testimony from

man, but I say these things that you may 5Do not think that I shall
accuse you to

be saved. 4

the Father; there is one who accuses

35He was the burning and shining lamp, you--Moses, in whom you
trust.

and you were willing for a time to rejoice 6For if you believed Moses,
you would

in his light. 4

believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

36But I have a greater witness than 7 4 John's; for the works which the
Father But if you do not believe his writings, has given Me to finish--
the very works how will you believe My words?" that I do--bear
witness of Me, that the

Father has sent Me.

37And the Father Himself, who sent Me, 6After these things Jesus
went over

the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of

has testified of Me. You have neither Tiberias. heard His voice at
any time, nor seen

His form. 2

Then a great multitude followed Him,

3' But you do not have His word abiding because they saw His signs
which He

performed on those who were diseased.

in you, because whom He sent, Him you

do not believe. 3And Jesus went up on the mountain,

39 ou search the Scriptures, for in them and there He sat with His disciples. you think you have eternal life; and 4

these are they which testify of Me. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews,

was near.

40But you are not willing to come to Me

that you may have life. 5Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and

seeing a great multitude coming toward

4 Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we 1a I do not receive honor from men.

buy bread, that these may eat?"

42But I know you, that you do not have 6But this He said to test him, for He

the love of God in you. Himself knew what He would do.

7 1 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred 6Now when evening came, His denarii worth of bread is not sufficient disciples went down to the sea, for them, that every one of them may

have a little." 17g ot into the boat, and went over the

sea toward Capernaum. And it was

8One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon already dark, and Jesus had not come

Peter's brother, said to Him, to them.

""There is a lad here who has five barley Then the sea arose because a

great

loaves and two small fish, but what a wind was blowing. they
among so many?"

1 ' So when they had rowed about three

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Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit or four miles, they saw Jesus
walking on

down." Now there was much grass in the sea and drawing near the
boat; and

the place. So the men sat down, in they were afraid. number about
five thousand.

20 But He said to them, "It is I; do not be

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And Jesus took the loaves, and when afraid."

He had given thanks He distributed

them to the disciples, and the disciples 2 1 Then they willingly received
Him into to those sitting down; and likewise of the the boat, and
immediately the boat was

fish, as much as they wanted. at the land where they were going.

12 So when they were filled, He said to 22

On the following day, when the people

His disciples, "Gather up the fragments who were standing on the
other side of

that remain, so that nothing is lost." the sea saw that there was no
other

1 disciples had entered, and that Jesus

3Therefore they gathered them up, and boat there, except that one which His

filled twelve baskets with the fragments had not entered the boat with His

of the five barley loaves which were left disciples, but His disciples had gone

over by those who had eaten. away alone--

1 2 4Then those men, when they had seen 3however, other boats came from the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is Tiberias, near the place where they ate

truly the Prophet who is to come into the bread after the Lord had given thanks--

world."

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when the people therefore saw that

15Therefore when Jesus perceived that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples,

they were about to come and take Him they also got into boats and came to

by force to make Him king, He departed Capernaum, seeking Jesus. again to the mountain by Himself alone.

2 34 5And when they found Him on the other

Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us

side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, this bread always." when did You come here?"

2 Jesus answered them and said, "Most bread of life. He who comes to Me shall

6 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the

assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, never hunger, and he who believes in

not because you saw the signs, but Me shall never thirst. because you ate of the loaves and were

filled. 36 But I said to you that you have seen

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7 Do not labor for the food which Me and yet do not believe.

perishes, but for the food which endures 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to everlasting life, which the Son of Man to Me, and the one who comes to Me I

will give you, because God the Father will by no means cast out. has set His seal on Him."

2 3' For I have come down from heaven,

' Then they said to Him, "What shall we not do My own will, but the will of Him

do, that we may work the works of who sent Me. God?"

2 3' This is the will of the Father who sent

9 Jesus answered and said to them, Me, that of all He has given Me I should

"This is the work of God, that you lose nothing, but should raise it up at the

believe in Him whom He sent." last day.

3 4 0 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign 0 And this is the will of Him who sent Me, will You perform then, that we may see that everyone who sees the Son and

it and believe You? What work will You believes in Him may have everlasting

do? life; and I will raise him up at the last

day."

31

Our fathers ate the manna in the

desert; as it is written, "He gave them ⁴¹The Jews then complained about Him, bread from heaven to eat." because He said, "I am the bread which

came down from heaven."

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Then Jesus said to them, "Most

assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not ⁴²And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the give you the bread from heaven, but My son of Joseph, whose father and mother

Father gives you the true bread from we know? How is it then that He says, "I

heaven. have come down from heaven'?"

³³For the bread of God is He who comes ⁴³Jesus therefore answered and said to down from heaven and gives life to the them, "Do not murmur among world." yourselves.

^{4 5} ⁴⁵For My flesh is food indeed, and My

No one can come to Me unless the

Father who sent Me draws him; and I blood is drink indeed. will raise him up at the last day.

⁵⁶He who eats My flesh and drinks My

⁴⁵ is written in the prophets, "And they

blood abides in Me, and I in him.

shall all be taught by God.' Therefore

everyone who has heard and learned 57As the living Father sent Me,
and I live from the Father comes to Me. because of the Father, so he
who feeds

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6Not that anyone has seen the Father, on Me will live because of Me.

except He who is from God; He has 58This is the bread which came
down seen the Father. from heaven--not as your fathers ate the

4 bread will live forever."

7Most assuredly, I say to you, he who manna, and are dead. He who
eats this

believes in Me has everlasting life.

4 synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

8a am the bread of life. 5' These things He said in the

4 6 ' Your fathers ate the manna in the 0Therefore many of His
disciples, when wilderness, and are dead. they heard this, said, "This is
a hard

saying; who can understand it?"

50This is the bread which comes down

6 1

from heaven, that one may eat of it and When Jesus knew in Himself
that His

not die. disciples complained about this, He said

to them, "Does this offend you?"

51a am the living bread which came down

from heaven. If anyone eats of this What then if you should see the Son of

bread, he will live forever; and the bread Man ascend where He was before? that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall

give for the life of the world." 63It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh

profits nothing. The words that I speak

5 2The Jews therefore quarreled among to you are spirit, and they are life. themselves, saying, "How can this Man

give us His flesh to eat?" 64But there are some of you who do not

believe." For Jesus knew from the

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Then Jesus said to them, "Most beginning who they were who did not

assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat believe, and who would betray Him. the flesh of the Son of Man and drink

His blood, you have no life in you. 6 5And He said, "Therefore I have said to

5 it has been granted to him by My

4Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My you that no one can come to Me unless

blood has eternal life, and I will raise Father." him up at the last day.

6 5 6From that time many of His disciples

For even His brothers did not believe in

went back and walked with Him no more. Him.

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you 6Then Jesus said to them, "My time has

also want to go away?" not yet come, but your time is always

ready.

6 8But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord,

to whom shall we go? You have the 7The world cannot hate you, but it hates words of eternal life. Me because I testify of it that its works

are evil.

6 9Also we have come to believe and

know that You are the Christ, the Son of 8You go up to this feast. I am not yet the living God." going up to this feast, for My time has

not yet fully come."

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Jesus answered them, "Did I not

choose you, the twelve, and one of you 7When He had said these things to them, is a devil?" He remained in Galilee.

7 1He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of 0But when His brothers had gone up, Simon, for it was he who would betray then He also went up to the feast, not

Him, being one of the twelve. openly, but as it were in secret.

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Then the Jews sought Him at the feast,

7After these things Jesus walked in and said, "Where is He?"

Galilee; for He did not want to walk in 12And there was much complaining Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. among the people concerning Him.

Some said, "He is good"; others said,

2 "No, on the contrary, He deceives the

Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles

people."

was at hand.

3His brothers therefore said to Him, 13However, no one spoke openly
of Him

for fear of the Jews.

"Depart from here and go into Judea,

that Your disciples also may see the 14Now about the middle of the
feast works that You are doing.

Jesus went up into the temple and

4 taught.

For no one does anything in secret

while he himself seeks to be known 15And the Jews marveled, saying,
"How openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." does
this Man know letters, having

never studied?"

1 2 6Jesus answered them and said, "My 6But look! He speaks boldly,
and they doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent say nothing to Him.
Do the rulers know

Me. indeed that this is truly the Christ?

1 2 7 anyone wills to do His will, he shall 7However, we know where
this Man is know concerning the doctrine, whether it from; but when
the Christ comes, no

is from God or whether I speak on My one knows where He is from." own authority.

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1 the temple, saying, "You both know Me,

8He who speaks from himself seeks his Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in

own glory; but He who seeks the glory and you know where I am from; and I

of the One who sent Him is true, and no have not come of Myself, but He who

unrighteousness is in Him. sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

1 2 ' Did not Moses give you the law, yet ' But I know Him, for I am from Him, and none of you keeps the law? Why do you He sent Me." seek to kill Me?"

30Therefore they sought to take Him; but

20The people answered and said, "You

no one laid a hand on Him, because His have a demon. Who is seeking to kill hour had not yet come. You?"

31And many of the people believed in

21 Him, and said, "When the Christ comes,

Jesus answered and said to them, "I did one work, and you all marvel. will He do more signs than these which

this Man has done?"

22 Moses therefore

gave you

circumcision (not that it is from Moses, The Pharisees heard the crowd

but from the fathers), and you murmuring these things concerning Him,

circumcise a man on the Sabbath. and the Pharisees and the chief priests

sent officers to take Him.

23 a man receives circumcision on the

Sabbath, so that the law of Moses 33Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be

should not be broken, are you angry with you a little while longer, and then I

with Me because I made a man go to Him who sent Me. completely well on the Sabbath?

3 4 ou will seek Me and not find Me, and

24Do not judge according to appearance, where I am you cannot come." but judge with righteous judgment."

35Then the Jews said among

25Now some of them from Jerusalem

themselves, "Where does He intend to

said, "Is this not He whom they seek to go that we shall not find Him? Does He

kill? intend to go to the Dispersion among

the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

3 4 6What is this thing that He said, "You 6The officers answered, "No man ever will seek Me and not find Me, and where spoke like this Man!" I am you cannot come'?"

Then the Pharisees answered them,

On the last day, that great day of the "Are you also deceived?
 feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying,
 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me 4 8

Have any of the rulers or the
 and drink. Pharisees believed in Him?

38He who believes in Me, as the 4 ' But this crowd that does not know
 the Scripture has said, out of his heart will law is accursed." flow
 rivers of living water."

50Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by
 3 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, ' night, being one of them)
 said to them,

whom those believing in Him would

receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet 5 1 Does our law judge a man
 before it given, because Jesus was not yet

hears him and knows what he is doing?"
 glorified.

5 2

4 They answered and said to him, "Are 0Therefore many from the
 crowd, when

you also from Galilee? Search and look,
 they heard this saying, said, "Truly this

for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."
 is the Prophet."

53And everyone went to his own house.

others said, "This is the Christ." But
some said, "Will the Christ come out of
Galilee?

8But Jesus went to the Mount of
42 Olives.

Has not the Scripture said that the
Christ comes from the seed of David

and from the town of Bethlehem, where 2 Now early in the morning
He came David was?" again into the temple, and all the people

came to Him; and He sat down and
43 taught them.

So there was a division among the
people because of Him.

3Then the scribes and Pharisees
44 brought to Him a woman caught in Now some of them wanted to
take Him,

but no one laid hands on Him. adultery. And when they had set her in
the midst,

45Then the officers came to the chief

priests and Pharisees, who said to them, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher,
this woman

"Why have you not brought Him?" was caught in adultery, in the very
act.

5 14

Now Moses, in the law, commanded us Jesus answered and said to
them,

that such should be stoned. But what do "Even if I bear witness of

Myself, My

You say?" witness is true, for I know where I came

from and where I am going; but you do

6 not know where I come from and where This they said, testing Him,
that they

might have something of which to I am going.

accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down 5 ou judge according to the flesh;
I

and wrote on the ground with His finger, 1

as though He did not hear. judge no one.

7 1 So when they continued asking Him, 6And yet if I do judge, My
judgment is He raised Himself up and said to them, true; for I am not
alone, but I am with the

"He who is without sin among you, let Father who sent Me. him throw
a stone at her first."

1 7

It is also written in your law that the

'And again He stooped down and wrote testimony of two men is true.
on the ground.

1 ' I am One who bears witness of Myself,

"Then those who heard it, being and the Father who sent Me bears

convicted by their conscience, went out witness of Me." one by one,
beginning with the oldest

even to the last. And Jesus was left 1' Then they said to Him, "Where is
Your alone, and the woman standing in the Father?" Jesus answered,
"You know

midst. neither Me nor My Father. If you had

known Me, you would have known My

10

When Jesus had raised Himself up Father also."

and saw no one but the woman, He said

to her, "Woman, where are those 2 0These words Jesus spoke in the
accusers of yours? Has no one treasury, as He taught in the temple;

condemned you?" and no one laid hands on Him, for His

hour had not yet come.

11

She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus

said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; 2 1Then Jesus said to them
again, "I am go and sin no more." going away, and you will seek Me,
and

will die in your sin. Where I go you

12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, cannot come."

saying, "I am the light of the world. He

who follows Me shall not walk in 22So the Jews said, "Will He kill
Himself, darkness, but have the light of life." because He says, "Where
I go you

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3The Pharisees therefore said to Him, cannot come'?"

"You bear witness of Yourself; Your

witness is not true."

23And He said to them, "You are from

never been in bondage to anyone. How

beneath; I am from above. You are of can You say, "You will be made free'?"

this world; I am not of this world.

34

Jesus answered them, "Most

24Therefore I said to you that you will die

assuredly, I say to you, whoever

in your sins; for if you do not believe that commits sin is a slave of sin. I am He, you will die in your sins."

35

And a slave does not abide in the

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Then they said to Him, "Who are house forever, but a son abides forever.

You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just

what I have been saying to you from the 36Therefore if the Son makes you free, beginning. you shall be free indeed.

2 3 6a have many things to say and to judge 74 know that you are Abraham's concerning you, but He who sent Me is descendants, but you seek to kill Me,

true; and I speak to the world those because My word has no place in you.

things which I heard from Him."

2 38 speak what I have seen with My 7 They did not understand that He spoke Father, and you do what you have seen

to them of the Father. with your father."

2 ' Then Jesus said to them, "When you 3' They answered and said to Him,

lift up the Son of Man, then you will "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to

know that I am He, and that I do nothing them, "If you were Abraham's children,

of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I you would do the works of Abraham.

speak these things.

4 0But now you seek to kill Me, a Man

2 ' And He who sent Me is with Me. The who has told you the truth which I heard

Father has not left Me alone, for I from God. Abraham did not do this. always do those things that please Him."

4 1

30As He spoke these words, many you do the deeds of your father." Then

they said to Him, "We were not born of believed in Him. fornication; we have one Father--God."

31Then Jesus said to those Jews who

4 2

Jesus said to them, "If God were your believed Him, "If you abide in My word, Father, you would love Me, for I

you are My disciples indeed. proceeded forth and came from God;

32And you shall know the truth, and the nor have I come of Myself,
but He sent

Me.

truth shall make you free."

4 3Why do you not understand My

33They answered Him, "We are speech? Because you are not able to
Abraham's descendants, and have listen to My word.

44

You are of your father the devil, and prophets are dead. Who do
You make

the desires of your father you want to do. Yourself out to be?" He was
a murderer from the beginning,

and does not stand in the truth, because 54Jesus answered, "If I honor
Myself, My there is no truth in him. When he speaks honor is nothing.
It is My Father who

a lie, he speaks from his own resources, honors Me, of whom you say
that He is

for he is a liar and the father of it. your God.

4 5 5But because I tell the truth, you do not 5 et you have not known
Him, but I believe Me. know Him. And if I say, "I do not know

Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do

46Which of you convicts Me of sin? And

know Him and keep His word.

if I tell the truth, why do you not believe

Me? 56 our father Abraham rejoiced to see

My day, and he saw it and was glad."

47

He who is of God hears God's words;

therefore you do not hear, because you ⁵⁷Then the Jews said to Him,
"You are are not of God." not yet fifty years old, and have You
seen Abraham?"

⁴ Then the Jews answered and said to

Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Most
assuredly, I a Samaritan and have a demon?" say to you, before
Abraham was, I AM."

⁴ Jesus answered, "I do not have a ' Then they took up stones to throw
at

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demon; but I honor My Father, and you Him; but Jesus hid Himself
and went out

dishonor Me. of the temple, going through the midst of

them, and so passed by.

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And I do not seek My own glory; there
is One who seeks and judges.

⁵ ⁹Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a ¹Most assuredly, I say to you, if
anyone

man who was blind from birth.

keeps My word he shall never see
death." ²

And His disciples asked Him, saying,

⁵ "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his ²Then the Jews said to Him,
"Now we

parents, that he was born blind?"

know that You have a demon! Abraham

is dead, and the prophets; and You say, ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor "If anyone keeps My word he shall never his parents sinned, but that the works of taste death.' God should be revealed in him.

⁵Are You greater than our father

Abraham, who is dead? And the ⁴ ¹ 1 must work the works of Him who sent ⁵Then the Pharisees also asked him Me while it is day; the night is coming again how he had received his sight. He

when no one can work. said to them, "He put clay on my eyes,

and I washed, and I see."

⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the ⁶Therefore some of the Pharisees said,

light of the world." ¹

"This Man is not from God, because He

⁶ does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, When He had said these things, He

spat on the ground and made clay with "How can a man who is a sinner do the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of such signs?" And there was a division

the blind man with the clay. among them.

¹ 7

⁷ They said to the blind man again, And He said to him, "Go, wash in the

pool of Siloam" (which is translated, "What do you say about Him because

Sent). So he went and washed, and He opened your eyes?" He said,

"He is

came back seeing. a prophet."

"Therefore the neighbors and those who But the Jews did not believe
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previously had seen that he was blind concerning him, that he had
been blind

said, "Is not this he who sat and and received his sight, until they
called

begged?" the parents of him who had received his

sight.

"He is like him." He said, "I am he." Some said, "This is he." Others
said, 1 ' And they asked them, saying, "Is this

your son, who you say was born blind?

1 How then does he now see?" 0Therefore they said to him, "How were

your eyes opened?" 2 0His parents answered them and said, 11 "We
know that this is our son, and that

He answered and said, "A Man called

he was born blind;

Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes

and said to me, "Go to the pool of 2 1but by what means he now sees
we do Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."
not know, or who opened his eyes we

do not know. He is of age; ask him. He

1 will speak for himself." 2Then they said to him, "Where is He?"

He said, "I do not know." 2 His parents said these things because

13 They brought him who formerly was

they feared the Jews, for the Jews had
agreed already that if anyone confessed

blind to the Pharisees.

that He was Christ, he would be put out

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14 Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus

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made the clay and opened his eyes.

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of the synagogue.

23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of 33 this Man were not from God,
He

age; ask him." could do nothing."

2 3 44

So they again called the man who was They answered and said to
him, "You

blind, and said to him, "Give God the were completely born in sins,
and are

glory! We know that this Man is a you teaching us?" And they cast
him out.

sinner."

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Jesus heard that they had cast him

He answered and said, "Whether He is out; and when He had found him, He

a sinner or not I do not know. One thing said to him, "Do you believe in the Son

I know: that though I was blind, now I of God?" see."

36

² Lord, that I may believe in Him?"

⁶Then they said to him again, "What did He answered and said, "Who is He,

He do to you? How did He open your

eyes?" ³⁷And Jesus said to him, "You have both

seen Him and it is He who is talking with

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He answered them, "I told you already, you."

and you did not listen. Why do you want

to hear it again? Do you also want to ³ ⁸Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he become His disciples?" worshiped Him.

²' Then they reviled him and said, "You ³' And Jesus said, "For judgment I have

are His disciple, but we are Moses' come into this world, that those who do

disciples. not see may see, and that those who

see may be made blind."

² ' We know that God spoke to Moses; as

for this fellow, we do not know where He ⁴ ⁰Then some of the Pharisees who were is from." with Him heard these words, and said to

0The man answered and said to them, Him, "Are we blind also?"

"Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you 4 1

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind,

do not know where He is from; yet He you would have no sin; but now you say,

has opened my eyes! "We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

31Now we know that God does not hear

sinner; but if anyone is a worshiper of 1 0 Most assuredly, I say to you, he God and does His will, He hears him.

who does not enter the sheepfold by the

3 door, but climbs up some other way, the 2

Since the world began it has been

same is a thief and a robber.

unheard of that anyone opened the eyes

of one who was born blind.

2But he who enters by the door is the the sheep and flees; and the wolf shepherd of the sheep. catches the sheep and scatters them.

3To him the doorkeeper opens, and the 13The hireling flees because he is a sheep hear his voice; and he calls his hireling and does not care about the

own sheep by name and leads them out. sheep.

4 1 And when he brings out his own sheep, 4a am the good shepherd; and I know he goes before them; and the sheep My sheep, and am known by My own.

follow him, for they know his voice.

15As the Father knows Me, even so I

5Yet they will by no means follow a know the Father; and I lay down
My life

stranger, but will flee from him, for they for the sheep. do not know
the voice of strangers."

1 6And other sheep I have which are not

6Jesus used this illustration, but they did of this fold; them also I must
bring, and

not understand the things which He they will hear My voice; and
there will be

spoke to them. one flock and one shepherd.

7 174 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most 'Therefore My Father loves
Me, assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of because I lay down My
life that I may

the sheep. take it again.

'All who ever came before Me are 1 ' No one takes it from Me, but I lay
it thieves and robbers, but the sheep did down of Myself. I have power
to lay it

not hear them. down, and I have power to take it again.

This command I have received from My

'I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, Father." he will be saved, and
will go in and out

and find pasture. 1' Therefore there was a division again

among the Jews because of these

10The thief does not come except to

sayings.

steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have 0And many of them said, "He has a

come that they may have life, and that 2

they may have it more abundantly. demon and is mad. Why do you listen to

Him?"

11 am the good shepherd. The good

shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 2 1

o thers said, "These are not the words

of one who has a demon. Can a demon

12But a hireling, he who is not the

open the eyes of the blind?"

shepherd, one who does not own the

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sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves Now it was the Feast of Dedication in

Jerusalem, and it was winter.

23And Jesus walked in the temple, in 34Jesus answered them, "Is it not written

Solomon's porch. in your law, "I said, "You are gods"?"

2 3 45 He called them gods, to whom the Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us word of God came (and the Scripture

in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us cannot be broken), plainly."

do you say of Him whom the Father

25

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and sanctified and sent into the world, "You

you do not believe. The works that I do are blaspheming,' because I said, "I am

in My Father's name, they bear witness the Son of God"? of Me.

3 7) I do not do the works of My Father,

26But you do not believe, because you

do not believe Me;

are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

2 My sheep hear My voice, and I know Me, believe the works, that you may

7 3' but if I do, though you do not believe

them, and they follow Me. know and believe that the Father is in

Me, and I in Him."

28And I give them eternal life, and they

shall never perish; neither shall anyone 3' Therefore they sought again to seize

snatch them out of My hand. Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

2 4 ' My Father, who has given them to Me, 0And He went away again beyond the is greater than all; and no one is able to Jordan to the place where John was

snatch them out of My Father's hand. baptizing at first, and there He stayed.

30 and My Father are one." 4 1

Then many came to Him and said,

"John performed no sign, but all the

31 things that John spoke about this Man

Then the Jews took up stones again to
stone Him. were true."

32 4 2 Jesus answered them, "Many good And many believed in Him
there. works I have shown you from My Father.

For which of those works do you stone

Me?" 1 1 Now a certain man was sick,

Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary

33The Jews answered Him, saying, "For and her sister Martha. a good
work we do not stone You, but

for blasphemy, and because You, being 2 It was that Mary who
anoined the Lord a Man, make Yourself God." with fragrant oil and
wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was 1 3However,
Jesus spoke of his death, sick. but they thought that He was speaking

about taking rest in sleep.

3Therefore the sisters sent to Him, 4 1 saying, "Lord, behold, he whom
You Then Jesus said to them plainly, love is sick." "Lazarus is dead.

4 1 When Jesus heard that, He said, "This 5And I am glad for your
sakes that I sickness is not unto death, but for the was not there, that

you may believe.

glory of God, that the Son of God may Nevertheless let us go to him."
be glorified through it."

1 6Then Thomas, who is called the Twin,

5Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister said to his fellow disciples,
"Let us also

and Lazarus. go, that we may die with Him."

6 1 7

So, when He heard that he was sick, So when Jesus came, He found
that

He stayed two more days in the place he had already been in the tomb
four

where He was. days.

7 1 Then after this He said to the disciples, 8Now Bethany was near
Jerusalem, "Let us go to Judea again." about two miles away.

8 1 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately ' And many of the Jews
had joined the the Jews sought to stone You, and are women around
Martha and Mary, to

You going there again?" comfort them concerning their brother.

'Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve 2 0Now Martha, as soon as she
heard hours in the day? If anyone walks in the that Jesus was coming,
went and met

day, he does not stumble, because he Him, but Mary was sitting in the
house.

sees the light of this world.

1 You had been here, my brother would

0But if one walks in the night, he Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if
stumbles, because the light is not in not have died. him."

2 2

But even now I know that whatever

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These things He said, and after that You ask of God, God will give
You."

He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus

sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." 2 3Jesus said to her, "Your
brother will

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2Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he rise again."

sleeps he will get well." 2 4

Martha said to Him, "I know that he will
rise again in the resurrection at the last
day."

25Jesus said to her, "I am the 34And He said, "Where have you laid
resurrection and the life. He who him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come
believes in Me, though he may die, he and see." shall live.

2 And whoever lives and believes in Me

6 35 Jesus wept.

shall never die. Do you believe this?" 3 6

Then the Jews said, "See how He
loved him!"

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She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe
that You are the Christ, the Son of God, 37 And some of them said,
"Could not this who is to come into the world." Man, who opened the
eyes of the blind,
also have kept this man from dying?"

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And when she had said these things,
she went her way and secretly called 3 8Then Jesus, again groaning in
Himself, Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher came to the tomb. It
was a cave, and a
has come and is calling for you." stone lay against it.

2 3 ' As soon as she heard that, she arose

' Jesus said, "Take away the stone."
quickly and came to Him. Martha, the sister of him who was dead,

30Now Jesus had not yet come into the said to Him, "Lord, by this
time there is a

stench, for he has been dead four days."
town, but was in the place where Martha
met Him. 4 0Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you

that if you would believe you would see
31 Then the Jews who were with her in the glory of God?" the house,
and comforting her, when

they saw that Mary rose up quickly and 4 1Then they took away the stone from went out, followed her, saying, "She is the place where the dead man was lying.

going to the tomb to weep there." And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said,

"Father, I thank You that You have

32Then, when Mary came where Jesus

heard Me.

was, and saw Him, she fell down at His

feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had 4 2And I know that You always hear Me, been here, my brother would not have but because of the people who are

died." standing by I said this, that they may

believe that You sent Me."

33Therefore, when Jesus saw her

weeping, and the Jews who came with 4 3Now when He had said these things, her weeping, He groaned in the spirit He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus,

and was troubled. come forth!"

4 4

And he who had died came out bound

hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus 54Therefore Jesus no longer walked said to them, "Loose him, and let him openly among the Jews, but went from

go." there into the country near the

wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and

45 there remained with His disciples.

Then many of the Jews who had come

to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus

5 5

did, believed in Him. And the Passover of the Jews was

near, and many went from the country

46 up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to

But some of them went away to the
Pharisees and told them the things purify themselves.

Jesus did. 6Then they sought Jesus, and spoke

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47 among themselves as they stood in the

Then the chief priests and the
Pharisees gathered a council and said, temple, "What do you think--
that He will

"What shall we do? For this Man works not come to the feast?" many
signs.

5 7

Now both the chief priests and the

4 Pharisees had given a command, that if 8 we let Him alone like this,
everyone

will believe in Him, and the Romans will anyone knew where He was,
he should

come and take away both our place and report it, that they might
seize Him. nation."

49And one of them, Caiaphas, being 1 2Then, six days before the
high priest that year, said to them, "You Passover, Jesus came to

Bethany,

know nothing at all, where Lazarus was who had been dead,

whom He had raised from the dead.

50

nor do you consider that it is expedient

for us that one man should die for the 2 There they made Him a
supper; and people, and not that the whole nation Martha served, but
Lazarus was one of

should perish." those who sat at the table with Him.

51Now this he did not say on his own 3Then Mary took a pound of
very costly

authority; but being high priest that year oil of spikenard, anointed
the feet of

he prophesied that Jesus would die for Jesus, and wiped His feet with
her hair.

the nation, And the house was filled with the

fragrance of the oil.

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and not for that nation only, but also

that He would gather together in one the 4 But one of His disciples,
Judas Iscariot, children of God who were scattered Simon's son, who
would betray Him,

abroad. said,

53Then, from that day on, they plotted to

put Him to death.

515 Why was this fragrant oil not sold for 'Fear not, daughter of Zion;

Behold, three hundred denarii and given to the your King is coming,
Sitting on a

poor?" donkey's colt."

6¹ 6His disciples did not understand these This he said, not that he
cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and things at first; but
when Jesus was

had the money box; and he used to take glorified, then they
remembered that

what was put in it. these things were written about Him and

that they had done these things to Him.

7But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has

kept this for the day of My burial. ¹ 7Therefore the people, who were
with

Him when He called Lazarus out of his

8 tomb and raised him from the dead, For the poor you have with you
always,

but Me you do not have always." bore witness.

¹ ' For this reason the people also met

'Now a great many of the Jews knew

that He was there; and they came, not Him, because they heard that
He had

for Jesus' sake only, but that they might done this sign. also see
Lazarus, whom He had raised

from the dead. ¹ ' The Pharisees therefore said among

themselves, "You see that you are

¹0But the chief priests plotted to put

accomplishing nothing. Look, the world

Lazarus to death also, has gone after Him!"

1 Now there were certain Greeks among because on account of him many of

1 2 0

the Jews went away and believed in those who came up to worship at the

Jesus. feast.

1 1 Then they came to Philip, who was

2 2

The next day a great multitude that

had come to the feast, when they heard from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked

that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

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3 ook branches of palm trees and went 2 2 Philip came and told Andrew, and in

out to meet Him, and cried out: turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

"Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in 3 But Jesus answered them, saying,

the name of the LORD!' The King of 2

Israel!" "The hour has come that the Son of Man

should be glorified.

14 Then Jesus, when He had found a

young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 2 4 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a

grain of wheat falls into the ground and
dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it
produces much grain.

2 3 5 He who loves his life will lose it, and 5 Then Jesus said to them, "A little while he who hates his life in this world will longer the light is with you. Walk while

keep it for eternal life. you have the light, lest darkness

overtake you; he who walks in darkness

26 anyone serves Me, let him follow does not know where he is going. Me; and where I am, there My servant

3 6

will be also. If anyone serves Me, him While you have the light, believe in the

My Father will honor. light, that you may become sons of

light." These things Jesus spoke, and

2 7 Now My soul is troubled, and what departed, and was hidden from them.

shall I say? "Father, save Me from this

hour"? But for this purpose I came to this 37 But although He had done so many

hour. signs before them, they did not believe

in Him,

28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a

voice came from heaven, saying, "I have 3' that the word of Isaiah the prophet

both glorified it and will glorify it again." might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord,

who has believed our report? And to

29Therefore the people who stood by whom has the arm of the LORD been

and heard it said that it had thundered. revealed?" Others said, "An angel has spoken to

Him." 3' Therefore they could not believe,

because Isaiah said again:

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Jesus answered and said, "This voice

did not come because of Me, but for 4 0 He has blinded their eyes and your sake. hardened their hearts, Lest they should

see with their eyes, Lest they should

31 understand with their hearts and turn, Now is the judgment of this world; now

the ruler of this world will be cast out. So that I should heal them."

32And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, 4 1These things Isaiah said when he saw will draw all peoples to Myself." His glory and spoke of Him.

33This He said, signifying by what death 4 2Nevertheless even among the rulers He would die. many believed in Him, but because of

the Pharisees they did not confess Him,

34 lest they should be put out of the

The people answered Him, "We have

synagogue;

heard from the law that the Christ

remains forever; and how can You say, ⁴ ³ or they loved the praise of men more "The Son of Man must be lifted up"? Who is this Son of Man?" than the praise of God.

⁴⁴ ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had

Then Jesus cried out and said, "He

who believes in Me, believes not in Me given all things into His hands, and that

but in Him who sent Me. He had come from God and was going

to God,

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And he who sees Me sees Him who

sent Me. ⁴ rose from supper and laid aside His

garments, took a towel and girded

⁴⁶ have come as a light into the world, Himself. that whoever believes in Me should not

abide in darkness. ⁵After that, He poured water into a basin

and began to wash the disciples' feet,

⁴⁷And if anyone hears My words and

and to wipe them with the towel with

does not believe, I do not judge him; for which He was girded. I did not come to judge the world but to

save the world. ⁶Then He came to Simon Peter. And

Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You

⁴ ⁸He who rejects Me, and does not

washing my feet?"

receive My words, has that which judges

him--the word that I have spoken will 7Jesus answered and said to him, "What judge him in the last day. I am doing you do not understand now,

but you will know after this."

49For I have not spoken on My own

authority; but the Father who sent Me 8Peter said to Him, "You shall never gave Me a command, what I should say wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I

and what I should speak. do not wash you, you have no part with

Me."

50

And I know that His command is

everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I 9Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my

speak, just as the Father has told Me, feet only, but also my hands and my

so I speak." head!"

1 0

Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed

1 needs only to wash his feet, but is 3Now before the Feast of the

completely clean; and you are clean, but

Passover, when Jesus knew that His

not all of you."

hour had come that He should depart

from this world to the Father, having 1 1For He knew who would betray Him; loved His own who were in the world, therefore He said,

"You are not all He loved them to the end. clean."

2 And supper being ended, the devil 2

having already put it into the heart of 1 So when He had washed their feet,

Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray taken His garments, and sat down again,

Him,

2 2

He said to them, "Do you know what I Then the disciples looked at one

have done to you? another, perplexed about whom He

spoke.

13

You call Me Teacher and Lord, and

2 3

you say well, for so I am. Now there was leaning on Jesus'

bosom one of His disciples, whom

14 I then, your Lord and Teacher, have Jesus loved. washed your feet, you also ought to

2 4

wash one another's feet. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him

to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

15 For I have given you an example, that

you should do as I have done to you. 2 5 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast,

he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

16Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant

is not greater than his master; nor is he 2 6

Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I

who is sent greater than he who sent shall give a piece of bread when I have

him. dipped it." And having dipped the bread,

He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of

17 you know these things, blessed are Simon. you if you do them.

2 7

Now after the piece of bread, Satan

18a do not speak concerning all of you. I entered him. Then Jesus said to him,

know whom I have chosen; but that the "What you do, do quickly." Scripture may be fulfilled, "He who eats

bread with Me has lifted up his heel 2' But no one at the table knew for what against Me.' reason He said this to him.

1 2 9Now I tell you before it comes, that

' For some thought, because Judas had

when it does come to pass, you may the money box, that Jesus had said to

believe that I am He. him, "Buy those things we need for the

feast," or that he should give something

20Most assuredly, I say to you, he who

to the poor.

receives whomever I send receives Me; 30Having received the piece of

bread, he

and he who receives Me receives Him

who sent Me." then went out immediately. And it was

night.

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When Jesus had said these things, He

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was troubled in spirit, and testified and So, when he had gone out, Jesus said,

said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and

of you will betray Me." God is glorified in Him.

32 God is glorified in Him, God will also

Myself; that where I am, there you may

glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him be also. immediately.

4 And where I go you know, and the way

33

Little children, I shall be with you a you know."

little while longer. You will seek Me; and

as I said to the Jews, "Where I am going, 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not you cannot come,' so now I say to you. know where You are going, and how

34A new commandment I give to you, can we know the way?"

that you love one another; as I have 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the loved you, that you also love one truth, and the life. No one comes to the

another. Father except through Me.

35 By this all will know that you are My ⁷ If you had known Me, you would have disciples, if you have love for one known My Father also; and from now on

another." you know Him and have seen Him."

36 Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where

⁸ Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the

are You going?" Jesus answered him, Father, and it is sufficient for us."

"Where I am going you cannot follow Me

now, but you shall follow Me afterward." 'Jesus said to him, "Have I been with

37 eter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not you so long, and yet you have not

known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me

follow You now? I will lay down my life has seen the Father; so how can you

for Your sake." say, "Show us the Father"?

31 ' Jesus answered him, "Will you lay 0 Do you not believe that I am in the down your life for My sake? Most Father, and the Father in Me? The

assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall words that I speak to you I do not speak

not crow till you have denied Me three on My own authority; but the Father who

times. dwells in Me does the works.

1 1Believe Me that I am in the Father and

1 4 Let not your heart be troubled; the Father in Me, or else
believe Me for

you believe in God, believe also in Me. the sake of the works
themselves.

2 1 2 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who

In My Father's house are many

mansions; if it were not so, I would have believes in Me, the works
that I do he

told you. I go to prepare a place for you. will do also; and greater
works than

these he will do, because I go to My

3And if I go and prepare a place for you, Father. I will come again and
receive you to

13And whatever you ask in My name,

come to him and make Our home with

that I will do, that the Father may be him. glorified in the Son.

2 4

1 keep My words; and the word which you

4 you ask anything in My name, I will He who does not love Me does
not

do it. hear is not Mine but the Father's who

sent Me.

15a you love Me, keep My

commandments. "These 254

things I have spoken to you
while being present with you.

16And I will pray the Father, and He will

give you another Helper, that He may ² 6But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom abide with you forever-- the Father will send in My name, He will

teach you all things, and bring to your

17The Spirit of truth, whom the world

remembrance all things that I said to

cannot receive, because it neither sees you. Him nor knows Him; but you know Him,

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for He dwells with you and will be in you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I

give to you; not as the world gives do I

18a will not leave you orphans; I will give to you. Let not your heart be

come to you. troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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" A little while longer and the world will ² 8You have heard Me say to you, "I am

see Me no more, but you will see Me. going away and coming back to you.' If

Because I live, you will live also. you loved Me, you would rejoice

because I said, "I am going to the

² Father,' for My Father is greater than I. 0At that day you will know that I am in

My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ² " And now I have told you before it ²1 comes, that when it does come to pass,

He who has My commandments and

you may believe.

keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And

he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and will no longer talk much with you, for

Father, and I will love him and manifest

Myself to him." the ruler of this world is coming, and he

has nothing in Me.

22

Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, 31 But that the world may know that I love

how is it that You will manifest Yourself

to us, and not to the world?" the Father, and as the Father gave Me

commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go

23 from here.

Jesus answered and said to him, "If

anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;

and My Father will love him, and We will

1 14 "These things I have spoken to you,

1 that My joy may remain in you, and that 5 I am the true vine, and My Father

is the vinedresser. your joy may be full.

1 2

2 This is My commandment, that you

Every branch in Me that does not bear

love one another as I have loved you.

fruit He takes away; and every branch

that bears fruit He prunes, that it may ¹ 3 Greater love has no one than this, bear more fruit.

than to lay down one's life for his friends.

3 You are already clean because of the ¹ 4 ou are My friends if you do whatever word which I have spoken to you.

I command you.

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the ⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for a

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branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless

it abides in the vine, neither can you, servant does not know what his master

unless you abide in Me. is doing; but I have called you friends,

for all things that I heard from My Father

⁵ I have made known to you. I am the vine, you are the branches.

He who abides in Me, and I in him, ¹ 6 ou did not choose Me, but I chose bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. you and appointed you that you should

go and bear fruit, and that your fruit

⁶ should remain, that whatever you ask

If anyone does not abide in Me, he is

the Father in My name He may give you.

cast out as a branch and is withered;

and they gather them and throw them ¹ 7These things I command you,
that you into the fire, and they are burned.

love one another.

⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide ^{84a} the world hates you, you
know that

in you, you will ask what you desire, and ¹

it shall be done for you. it hated Me before it hated you.

^{8 1'} If you were of the world, the world By this My Father is glorified,
that you bear much fruit; so you will be My would love its own. Yet
because you are

disciples. not of the world, but I chose you out of

the world, therefore the world hates you.

loved you; abide in My love. "As the Father loved Me, I also have ²
ORemember the word that I said to you,

"A servant is not greater than his

¹⁰ you keep My commandments, you master.' If they persecuted Me,
they will

also persecute you. If they kept My word,

will abide in My love, just as I have kept

My Father's they will keep yours also.

commandments and abide

in His love.

But all these things they will do to you But these things I have told you, that

for My name's sake, because they do when the time comes, you may not know Him who sent Me. remember that I told you of them. "And

these things I did not say to you at the

22 I had not come and spoken to them, beginning, because I was with you. they would have no sin, but now they

have no excuse for their sin. 5 But now I go away to Him who sent

Me, and none of you asks Me, "Where

23 are You going?' He who hates Me hates My Father also.

6But because I have said these things to

24) I had not done among them the you, sorrow has filled your heart. works which no one else did, they would

have no sin; but now they have seen 7Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to and also hated both Me and My Father. your advantage that I go away; for if I do

not go away, the Helper will not come to

25But this happened that the word might

you; but if I depart, I will send Him to

be fulfilled which is written in their law, you. "They hated Me without a cause.'

8And when He has come, He will convict

26 But when the Helper comes, whom I the world of sin, and of righteousness,

shall send to you from the Father, the and of judgment: Spirit of truth who proceeds from the

Father, He will testify of Me. 'of sin, because they do not believe in

Me;

27

And you also will bear witness, O f righteousness, because I go to
My

because you have been with Me from 1

the beginning. Father and you see Me no more;

11 judgment, because the ruler of this

1 world is judged. 6 These things I have spoken to

you, that you should not be made to 2 still have many things to say to
you,

stumble. 1

but you cannot bear them now.

2They will put you out of the 3However, when He, the Spirit of truth,
synagogues; yes, the time is coming 1

that whoever kills you will think that he has come, He will guide you
into all

offers God service. truth; for He will not speak on His own

authority, but whatever He hears He will

3And these things they will do to you speak; and He will tell you
things to come. because they have not known the

Father nor Me.

14

He will glorify Me, for He will take of rejoice, and your joy no one will take

what is Mine and declare it to you. from you.

12 5 All things that the Father has are Mine. 3 'And in that day you will ask Me Therefore I said that He will take of Mine nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you,

and declare it to you. whatever you ask the Father in My

name He will give you.

16 § 4

A little while, and you will not see Me;

2 4

and again a little while, and you will see Until now you have asked nothing in

Me, because I go to the Father." My name. Ask, and you will receive, that

your joy may be full.

17 Then some of His disciples said

among themselves, "What is this that He 254 'These things I have spoken to you in says to us, "A little while, and you will figurative language; but the time is

not see Me; and again a little while, and coming when I will no longer speak to

you will see Me'; and, "because I go to you in figurative language, but I will tell

the Father?" you plainly about the Father.

12 ' They said therefore, "What is this that 6 n that day you will ask in My name, He says, "A little while'? We do not know and I do not say

to you that I shall pray

what He is saying." the Father for you;

12 9 7 or the Father Himself loves you,

Now Jesus knew that they desired to

ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you because you have loved Me, and have

inquiring among yourselves about what I believed that I came forth from God. said, "A little while, and you will not see

Me; and again a little while, and you will 2 8a came forth from the Father and have see Me'? come into the world. Again, I leave the

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OMost assuredly, I say to you that you world and go to the Father."

will weep and lament, but the world will 2 ' His disciples said to Him, "See, now rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but You are speaking plainly, and using no

your sorrow will be turned into joy. figure of speech!

21 30Now we are sure that You know all

A woman, when she is in labor, has

sorrow because her hour has come; but things, and have no need that anyone

as soon as she has given birth to the should question You. By this we believe

child, she no longer remembers the that You came forth from God." anguish, for joy that a human being has

been born into the world. 31

Jesus answered them, "Do you now

2 believe? 2Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again
and your heart will 32 ndeed the hour is coming, yes, has sFor I have
given to them the words now come, that you will be scattered, which
You have given Me; and they

each to his own, and will leave Me alone. have received them, and
have known

And yet I am not alone, because the surely that I came forth from You;
and

Father is with Me. they have believed that You sent Me.

33These things I have spoken to you, "I pray for them. I do not pray
for the

that in Me you may have peace. In the world but for those whom You
have

world you will have tribulation; but be of given Me, for they are
Yours. good cheer, I have overcome the world."

1 0And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are

Mine, and I am glorified in them.

1 7Jesus spoke these words, lifted up

His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, 1 1Now I am no longer in the
world, but the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, these are in the
world, and I come to that Your Son also may glorify You, You. Holy
Father, keep through Your

name those whom You have given Me,

2 that they may be one as We are.

as You have given Him authority over

all flesh, that He should give eternal life 12WhiIe I was with them in
the world, I to as many as You have given Him.

kept them in Your name. Those whom

3And this is eternal life, that they may You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, know You, the only true God, and Jesus that the Scripture might be fulfilled. Christ whom You have sent.

1 3

4 But now I come to You, and these

1 have glorified You on the earth. I have

finished the work which You have given things I speak in the world, that they

may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Me to do.

14a have given them Your word; and the

5And now, O Father, glorify Me together

world has hated them because they are with Yourself, with the glory which I had

not of the world, just as I am not of the world with You before the world was.

world.

6 I have manifested Your name to the 5a do not pray that You should take

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men whom You have given Me out of

the world. They were Yours, You gave them out of the world, but that You

them to Me, and they have kept Your should keep them from the evil one.

word. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am

⁷ not of the world. Now they have known that all things

which You have given Me are from You. ¹⁷Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word

is truth.

¹' As You sent Me into the world, I also

have sent them into the world. ¹ ⁸ When Jesus had spoken these

¹ words, He went out with His disciples ⁹And for their sakes I sanctify Myself,

over the Brook Kidron, where there was

that they also may be sanctified by the a garden, which He and His disciples

truth. entered.

² ² ^{0a} do not pray for these alone, but also

And Judas, who betrayed Him, also

for those who will believe in Me through knew the place; for Jesus often met

their word; there with His disciples.

² ¹ hat they all may be one, as You, ³Then Judas, having received a

Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they detachment of troops, and officers from

also may be one in Us, that the world the chief priests and Pharisees, came

may believe that You sent Me. there with lanterns, torches, and
weapons.

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And the glory which You gave Me I
have given them, that they may be one 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all things that just as We are one: would come upon Him, went forward
and said to them, "Whom are you

23 in them, and You in Me; that they seeking?" may be made perfect in one, and that

the world may know that You have sent 5 They answered Him, "Jesus of Me, and have loved them as You have Nazareth." Jesus said to them, "I am

loved Me. He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also
stood with them.

24 'Father, I desire that they also whom

You gave Me may be with Me where I 6 Now when He said to them, "I am He," am, that they may behold My glory they drew back and fell to the ground.

which You have given Me; for You loved

Me before the foundation of the world. 7 Then He asked them again, "Whom are 2 you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of

5 0 righteous Father! The world has not Nazareth."

known You, but I have known You; and

these have known that You sent Me. 8 Jesus answered, "I have told you that I

2 these go their way,"

6And I have declared to them Your am He. Therefore, if you seek Me, let

name, and will declare it, that the love

with which You loved Me may be in 'that the saying might be fulfilled which them, and I in them." He spoke, "Of those whom You gave

Me I have lost none."

10Then Simon Peter, having a sword,

And Peter stood with them and warmed

drew it and struck the high priest's himself. servant, and cut off his right ear. The

servant's name was Malchus. 1' The high priest then asked Jesus

about His disciples and His doctrine.

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So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your

sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink 20

Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly

the cup which My Father has given to the world. I always taught in

Me?" synagogues and in the temple, where

the Jews always meet, and in secret I

12Then the detachment of troops and the

have said nothing.

captain and the officers of the Jews

arrested Jesus and bound Him. 2 1Why do you ask Me? Ask those who

have heard Me what I said to them.

13And they led Him away to Annas first,

Indeed they know what I said."

for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas

who was high priest that year. 22And when He had said these things,

one of the officers who stood by struck

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Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying,

Jews that it was expedient that one man "Do You answer the high priest like

should die for the people. that?"

1 2 5 3

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken

so did another disciple. Now that evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well,

disciple was known to the high priest, why do you strike Me?" and went with Jesus into the courtyard

of the high priest. 24 Then Annas sent Him bound to

Caiaphas the high priest.

16But Peter stood at the door outside.

Then the other disciple, who was known 2 5Now Simon Peter stood and warmed to the high priest, went out and spoke to himself. Therefore they said to him,

her who kept the door, and brought "You are not also one of His disciples,

Peter in. are you?" He denied it and said, "I am

not!"

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Then the servant girl who kept the door said to Peter, "You are not also 26One of the servants of the high priest, one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off,

said, "I am not." said, "Did I not see you in the garden

with Him?"

1 ' Now the servants and officers who had

made a fire of coals stood there, for it 2 7

Peter then denied again; and

was cold, and they warmed themselves. immediately a rooster crowed.

2 37

' Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You

the Praetorium, and it was early morning. a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say

But they themselves did not go into the rightly that I am a king. For this cause I

Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, was born, and for this cause I have

but that they might eat the Passover. come into the world, that I should bear

witness to the truth. Everyone who is of

2 the truth hears My voice." ' Pilate then went out to them and said,

"What accusation do you bring against 8Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And

this Man?" 3

when he had said this, he went out

30 They answered and said to him, "If He

again to the Jews, and said to them, "I

were not an evildoer, we would not have found no fault in Him at all.
delivered Him up to you."

3" But you have a custom that I should

31 release someone to you at the Passover.

Then Pilate said to them, "You take

Him and judge Him according to your law. Do you therefore want me to
release to

law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to

death," 4 0

Then they all cried again, saying, "Not

this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas

32 that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He
spoke, signifying by

what death He would die.

1 9 So then Pilate took Jesus and

33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium, scourged Him, again, called
Jesus, and said to Him,

"Are You the King of the Jews?" 2

And the soldiers twisted a crown of

34 thorns and put it on His head, and they Jesus answered him, "Are
you putting on Him a purple robe.

speaking for yourself about this, or did

others tell you this concerning Me?" 3Then they said, "Hail, King of the

3 Jews!" And they struck Him with their 5Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your

hands.

own nation and the chief priests have

delivered You to me. What have You 4

Pilate then went out again, and said to
done?"

them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to

36 you, that you may know that I find no Jesus answered, "My
kingdom is not fault in Him."

of this world. If My kingdom were of this

world, My servants would fight, so that I 5

Then Jesus came out, wearing the

should not be delivered to the Jews; but crown of thorns and the
purple robe.

now My kingdom is not from here."

And Pilate said to them, "Behold the

Man!"

6 14

Therefore, when the chief priests and Now it was the Preparation Day
of the

officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Passover, and about the sixth
hour. And

"Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!"

them, "You take Him and crucify Him,

for I find no fault in Him." ¹ 5But they cried out, "Away with Him,

away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said

⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The

law, and according to our law He ought chief priests answered, "We have no

to die, because He made Himself the king but Caesar!" Son of God."

¹ 6Then he delivered Him to them to be

"Therefore, when Pilate heard that crucified. Then they took Jesus and led

saying, he was the more afraid, Him away.

¹ 7

'and went again into the Praetorium, And He, bearing His cross, went out to

and said to Jesus, "Where are You a place called the Place of a Skull, from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

¹ ¹ 0Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not ⁸where they crucified Him, and two speaking to me? Do You not know that I others with Him, one on either side, and

have power to crucify You, and power to Jesus in the center. release You?"

¹ ' Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on

Jesus answered, "You could have no the cross. And the writing was:
JESUS

power at all against Me unless it had OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF
THE

been given you from above. Therefore JEWS. the one who delivered
Me to you has

the greater sin." 2 0Then many of the Jews read this title,

1 was near the city; and it was written in

2From then on Pilate sought to release for the place where Jesus was
crucified

Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. you
let this Man go, you are not

Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself 2 1Therefore the chief priests
of the Jews a king speaks against Caesar." said to Pilate, "Do not write,
"The King of

the Jews,' but, "He said, "I am the King

13When Pilate therefore heard that of the Jews. ' saying, he brought
Jesus out and sat

down in the judgment seat in a place 22Pilate answered, "What I have
written, that is called The Pavement, but in I have written." Hebrew,
Gabbatha.

2 3Then the soldiers, when they had

crucified Jesus, took His garments and

made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the
tunic was (for that Sabbath was a high day), the

without seam, woven from the top in one Jews asked Pilate that their
legs might

piece. be broken, and that they might be taken

away.

They said therefore among

3 2

themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast Then the soldiers came and broke the

lots for it, whose it shall be," that the legs of the first and of the other who was

Scripture might be fulfilled which says: crucified with Him. "They divided My garments among them,

And for My clothing they cast lots." 33But when they came to Jesus and saw

Therefore the soldiers did these things. that He was already dead, they did not

break His legs.

25

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus

His mother, and His mother's sister, 34But one of the soldiers pierced His

Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary side with a spear, and immediately Magdalene. blood and water came out.

26 35And he who has seen has testified,

When Jesus therefore saw His mother,

and the disciple whom He loved and his testimony is true; and he knows

standing by, He said to His mother, that he is telling the truth, so that you

"Woman, behold your son!" may believe.

27Then He said to the disciple, "Behold 36 For these things were done that the

your mother!" And from that hour that Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of

disciple took her to his own home. His bones shall be broken."

28After this, Jesus, knowing that all

37

And again another Scripture says,

things were now accomplished, that the "They shall look on Him whom they

Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I pierced." thirst!"

2 3' After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being 9Now a vessel full of sour wine was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear

sitting there; and they filled a sponge of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might

with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate

it to His mouth. gave him permission. So he came and

took the body of Jesus.

30

So when Jesus had received the sour

wine, He said, "It is finished!" And 3' And Nicodemus, who at first came to

bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Jesus by night, also came, bringing a

mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a

31 Therefore, because it was the

hundred pounds.

Preparation Day, that the bodies should

not remain on the cross on the Sabbath

47 0 Then they took the body of Jesus, and

and the handkerchief that had been

bound it in strips of linen with the spices, around His head, not lying
with the linen

as the custom of the Jews is to bury. cloths, but folded together in a
place by

itself.

41

Now in the place where He was

crucified there was a garden, and in the s Then the other disciple, who
came to garden a new tomb in which no one had the tomb first, went
in also; and he saw

yet been laid. and believed.

42 So there they laid Jesus, because of ' For as yet they did not know
the

the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb Scripture, that He must rise
again from

was nearby. the dead.

1 0 Then the disciples went away again to

2 their own homes. 0 Now the first day of the week

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, ¹ But Mary stood outside by the tomb while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the weeping, and as she wept she stooped

tomb. down and looked into the tomb.

² ¹² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, And she saw two angels in white

and to the other disciple, whom Jesus sitting, one at the head and the other at

loved, and said to them, "They have the feet, where the body of Jesus had

taken away the Lord out of the tomb, Iain. and we do not know where they have

¹ 3

laid Him." Then they said to her, "Woman, why

are you weeping?" She said to them,

³ Peter therefore went out, and the other "Because they have taken away my

disciple, and were going to the tomb. Lord, and I do not know where they

have laid Him."

⁴ So they both ran together, and the ⁴ Now when she had said this, she other disciple outran Peter and came to ¹

the tomb first. turned around and saw Jesus standing

there, and did not know that it was

⁵ Jesus. And he, stooping down and looking in,

saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he ¹ 5 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are did not go in.

you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

⁶ She, supposing Him to be the gardener,

Then Simon Peter came, following him,

said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried

and went into the tomb; and he saw the

linen cloths lying there, Him away, tell me where You have laid

Him, and I will take Him away."

¹ ² ⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned ⁵ The other disciples therefore said to and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he

say, Teacher). said to them, "Unless I see in His hands

the print of the nails, and put my finger

¹⁷ into the print of the nails, and put my

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me,

for I have not yet ascended to My hand into His side, I will not believe."

Father; but go to My brethren and say to ⁶ And after eight days His disciples were

them, "I am ascending to My Father and ²

your Father, and to My God and your again inside, and Thomas with them.

God." Jesus came, the doors being shut, and

stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the

you!"

disciples that she had seen the Lord,

2 7

and that He had spoken these things to Then He said to Thomas,
"Reach your

her. finger here, and look at My hands; and

reach your hand here, and put it into My

1 side. Do not be unbelieving, but ' Then, the same day at evening,
being

the first day of the week, when the doors believing." were shut where
the disciples were

assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus 2 ' And Thomas answered and
said to came and stood in the midst, and said to Him, "My Lord and
my God!" them, "Peace be with you."

2 ' Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because

20 When He had said this, He showed

you have seen Me, you have believed.

them His hands and His side. Then the Blessed are those who have not
seen

disciples were glad when they saw the and yet have believed." Lord.

2 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace in the presence of His disciples,
which

1 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs

to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also are not written in this book;
send you."

but these are written that you may

22

And when He had said this, He believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son

breathed on them, and said to them, of God, and that believing you may have

"Receive the Holy Spirit. life in His name.

23 you forgive the sins of any, they are

forgiven them; if you retain the sins of 2 1 After these things Jesus showed

any, they are retained." Himself again to the disciples at the Sea

2 of Tiberias, and in this way He showed 4Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of

Himself:

the twelve, was not with them when

Jesus came.

2 11

Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Simon Peter went up and dragged the

Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons net to land, full of large fish, one

of Zebedee, and two others of His hundred and fifty-three; and although

disciples were together. there were so many, the net was not

broken.

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going 2 ¹ fishing." They said to him, "We are going Jesus said to them, "Come and eat with you also." They went out and breakfast." Yet none of the disciples

immediately got into the boat, and that dared ask Him, "Who are You?"--

night they caught nothing. knowing that it was the Lord.

4 ¹ 3 But when the morning had now come, Jesus then came and took the bread Jesus stood on the shore; yet the and gave it to them, and likewise the

disciples did not know that it was Jesus. fish.

5 ¹ 4

Then Jesus said to them, "Children, This is now the third time Jesus have you any food?" They answered showed Himself to His disciples after He

Him, "No." was raised from the dead.

6 ¹ And He said to them, "Cast the net on 5 So when they had eaten breakfast, the right side of the boat, and you will Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son

find some." So they cast, and now they of Jonah, do you love Me more than

were not able to draw it in because of these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You

the multitude of fish. know that I love You." He said to him,

"Feed My lambs."

7 Therefore that disciple whom Jesus

loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now ¹ 6 He said to him again a

second time, when Simon Peter heard that it was the "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know

had removed it), and plunged into the that I love You." He said to him, "Tend

sea. My sheep."

8 1 7 But the other disciples came in the little He said to him the third time, "Simon, boat (for they were not far from land, but son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter

about two hundred cubits), dragging the was grieved because He said to him the

net with fish. third time, "Do you love Me?" And he

said to Him, "Lord, You know all things;

"Then, as soon as they had come to You know that I love You." Jesus said to

land, they saw a fire of coals there, and him, "Feed My sheep. fish laid on it, and bread.

1 ' Most assuredly, I say to you, when you

10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the were younger, you girded yourself and

fish which you have just caught." walked where you wished; but when you

2 2

are old, you will stretch out your hands, Jesus said to him, "If I will that he

and another will gird you and carry you remain till I come, what is that to you?

where you do not wish." You follow Me."

1 2 3 ' This

He spoke, signifying by what Then this saying went out among the death he would glorify God. And when brethren that this disciple would not die.

He had spoken this, He said to him, Yet Jesus did not say to him that he

"Follow Me." would not die, but, "If I will that he

remain till I come, what is that to you?"

20Then Peter, turning around, saw the

disciple whom Jesus loved following, 2 4This is the disciple who testifies of who also had leaned on His breast at these things, and wrote these things;

the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the and we know that his testimony is true.

one who betrays You?"

25And there are also many other things

21 eter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But

that Jesus did, which if they were written

Lord, what about this man?" one by one, I suppose that even the

world itself could not contain the books

that would be written. Amen.

The Christ according to Apostle Mark

¹⁰

And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens parting and

the Spirit descending upon Him like a dove. The beginning of the gospel of Jesus

dove.

Christ, the Son of God.

¹ Then a voice came from heaven, "You

²As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, are My beloved Son, in whom I am well

I send My messenger before Your face,

pleased."

Who will prepare Your way before You."

³"The voice of one crying in the the wilderness. ¹ ² mediately the Spirit drove Him into wilderness: "Prepare the way of the

LORD; Make His paths straight." ¹ ³And He was there in the wilderness ⁴ forty days, tempted by Satan, and was

John came baptizing in the wilderness with the wild beasts; and the angels

and preaching a baptism of repentance ministered to Him. for the remission of sins.

5 Now after John was put in prison,

Then all the land of Judea, and those

Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the
from Jerusalem, went out to him and

gospel of the kingdom of God,
were all baptized by him in the Jordan

River, confessing their sins. 15and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and

6 the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, Now John was clothed with
camel's

and believe in the gospel."

hair and with a leather belt around his

waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 1 6And as He walked by the
Sea of 7 Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his

And he preached, saying, "There

brother casting a net into the sea; for
comes One after me who is mightier

they were fishermen.

than I, whose sandal strap I am not

worthy to stoop down and loose. 1 7Then Jesus said to them, "Follow
Me, 8 and I will make you become fishers of

1 indeed baptized you with water, but

men."

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

1 ' They immediately left their nets and

'It came to pass in those days that

followed Him.

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee,

and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹ ' When He had gone a little farther from

there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who ² ' Now as soon as they had come out of also were in the boat mending their nets. the synagogue, they entered the house

of Simon and Andrew, with James and

²⁰ And immediately He called them, and

John.

they left their father Zebedee in the boat

with the hired servants, and went after ³⁰ Simon's wife's mother lay sick with But

Him. a fever, and they told Him about her at

once.

²¹

Then they went into Capernaum, and

31

immediately on the Sabbath He entered So He came and took her by the hand

the synagogue and taught. and lifted her up, and immediately the

fever left her. And she served them.

²²

And they were astonished at His ² At evening, when the sun had set, they

teaching, for He taught them as one ³

having authority, and not as the scribes. brought to Him all who were sick and

those who were demon-possessed.

23 Now there was a man in their

synagogue with an unclean spirit. And 33 And the whole city was gathered

he cried out, together at the door.

23 44

saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did with various diseases, and cast out

do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did with various diseases, and cast out

You come to destroy us? I know who many demons; and He did not allow the

You are--the Holy One of God!" demons to speak, because they knew Him.

25

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be

35

quiet, and come out of him!" Now in the morning, having risen a

long while before daylight, He went out

26 And when the unclean spirit had

and departed to a solitary place; and

convulsed him and cried out with a loud there He prayed.

voice, he came out of him. 36 And Simon and those who were with

27 Him searched for Him.

Then they were all amazed, so that

they questioned among themselves, 7When they found Him, they said to

saying, "What is this? What new 3

doctrine is this? For with authority He Him, "Everyone is looking for You." commands even the unclean spirits, and

they obey Him." 38But He said to them, "Let us go into

2 also, because for this purpose I have

8And immediately His fame spread the next towns, that I may preach there

throughout all the region around Galilee. come forth."

39And He was preaching in their receive them, not even near the door.

synagogues throughout all Galilee, and And He preached the word to them. casting out demons.

4 Now a leper came to Him, imploring paralytic who was carried by four men.

0 3Then they came to Him, bringing a

Him, kneeling down to Him and saying

to Him, "If You are willing, You can 4 And when they could not come near make me clean." Him because of the crowd, they

4 when they had broken through, they let

1Then Jesus, moved with compassion, uncovered the roof where He was. So

stretched out His hand and touched him, down the bed on which the paralytic was

and said to him, "I am willing; be lying. cleansed."

5When Jesus saw their faith, He said to

42

As soon as He had spoken, the paralytic, "Son, your sins are immediately the leprosy left him, and he forgiven you." was cleansed.

6 And some of the scribes were sitting

43And He strictly warned him and sent

there and reasoning in their hearts,

him away at once,

7 Why does this Man speak

44 and said to him, "See that you say blasphemies like this? Who can forgive

nothing to anyone; but go your way, sins but God alone?" show yourself to the priest, and offer for

your cleansing those things which 'But immediately, when Jesus perceived

Moses commanded, as a testimony to in His spirit that they reasoned thus

them." within themselves, He said to them,

"Why do you reason about these things

45However, he went out and began to in your hearts? proclaim it freely, and to spread the

matter, so that Jesus could no longer 'Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,

openly enter the city, but was outside in "Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say,

deserted places; and they came to Him "Arise, take up your bed and walk"? from every direction.

1 0But that you may know that the Son of

Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-

2 And again He entered Capernaum -He said to the paralytic,

after some days, and it was heard that

He was in the house. 1 1 say to you, arise, take up your bed,

and go to your house."

2Immediately many gathered together,

so that there was no longer room to 1 2 mediately he arose, took up the bed,

and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified 2 0But the days will come when the God, saying, "We never saw anything bridegroom will be taken away from

like this!" them, and then they will fast in those

days.

13

Then He went out again by the sea;

2 1

and all the multitude came to Him, and No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth

He taught them. on an old garment; or else the new

piece pulls away from the old, and the

14 tear is made worse.

As He passed by, He saw Levi the son

of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And 2And no one puts new wine

into old

He said to him, "Follow Me." So he ²

arose and followed Him. wineskins; or else the new wine bursts

the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and

¹⁵Now it happened, as He was dining in

the wineskins are ruined. But new wine

Levi's must be put into new wineskins." house, that many tax
collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus

² ³

and His disciples; for there were many, Now it happened that He went
through

and they followed Him. the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as

they went His disciples began to pluck

¹⁶And when the scribes and Pharisees

the heads of grain.

saw Him eating with the tax collectors ⁴And the Pharisees said to
Him, "Look,

and sinners, they said to His disciples, ²

"How is it that He eats and drinks with why do they do what is not
lawful on the

tax collectors and sinners?" Sabbath?"

¹ ² ⁷ ⁵

When Jesus heard it, He said to them, But He said to them, "Have
you never

"Those who are well have no need of a read what David did when he

was in

physician, but those who are sick. I did need and hungry, he and those with

not come to call the righteous, but him: sinners, to repentance."

2 6 how he went into the house of God in

1 ' The disciples of John and of the the days of Abiathar the high priest, and

Pharisees were fasting. Then they came ate the showbread, which is not lawful to

and said to Him, "Why do the disciples eat except for the priests, and also gave

of John and of the Pharisees fast, but some to those who were with him?" Your disciples do not fast?"

2 7

And He said to them, "The Sabbath

1' And Jesus said to them, "Can the was made for man, and not man for the

friends of the bridegroom fast while the Sabbath. bridegroom is with them? As long as

they have the bridegroom with them 2 8 Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord they cannot fast. of the Sabbath."

10 For He healed many, so that as many

3 And He entered the synagogue again, as had afflictions pressed about Him to

and a man was there who had a touch Him.

withered hand. 1 1 And the unclean spirits, whenever they 2 saw Him, fell down before Him and cried

So they watched Him closely, whether

He would heal him on the Sabbath, so out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

that they might accuse Him. ¹ 2But He sternly warned them that they

3And He said to the man who had the should not make Him known.

withered hand, "Step forward." ¹ 3And He went up on the mountain and ⁴ called to Him those He Himself wanted.

Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on

And they came to Him.

the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to

save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. ¹ 4Then He appointed twelve, that they

⁵ might be with Him and that He might And when He had looked around at

them with anger, being grieved by the send them out to preach,

hardness of their hearts, He said to the ¹ 5and to have power to heal sicknesses man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was and to cast out demons: restored as whole as the other.

¹ 6

Simon, to whom He gave the name

⁶ Peter; Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians

against Him, how they might destroy ¹ 7

James the son of Zebedee and John

Him. the brother of James, to whom He gave

the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of

⁷ Thunder"; But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a

great multitude from

Galilee followed Him, and from Judea 18 Andrew, Philip,
Bartholomew, Matthew,

Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,

8 Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite; and Jerusalem and Idumea and
beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and

Sidon, a great multitude, when they 1 ' and Judas Iscariot, who also
betrayed heard how many things He was doing, Him. And they went
into a house. came to Him.

2 0

Then the multitude came together

'So He told His disciples that a small again, so that they could not so
much as

boat should be kept ready for Him eat bread. because of the
multitude, lest they

should crush Him.

21 32 And a multitude was sitting around

But when His own people heard about

this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for Him; and they said to Him,
"Look, Your

they said, "He is out of His mind." mother and Your brothers are
outside

seeking You."

22

And the scribes who came down from

33

Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," But He answered them, saying,
"Who

and, "By the ruler of the demons He is My mother, or My brothers?"
casts out demons."

34

And He looked around in a circle at

23

So He called them to Himself and said those who sat about Him,
and said,

to them in parables: "How can Satan "Here are My mother and My
brothers!

cast out Satan?

35

For whoever does the will of God is My

24 a kingdom is divided against itself,

brother and My sister and mother."

that kingdom cannot stand.

25And if a house is divided against itself,

4And again He began to teach by the

that house cannot stand.

sea. And a great multitude was gathered

2 to Him, so that He got into a boat and 6And if Satan has risen up
against

sat in it on the sea; and the whole

himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, multitude was on the land
facing the sea.

but has an end.

2 No one can enter a strong man's parables, and said to them in His

7 2Then He taught them many things by

house and plunder his goods, unless he teaching: first binds the strong man. And then he

will plunder his house. 3"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to

SOW.

2 "' Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be

forgiven the sons of men, and whatever 4And it happened, as he sowed, that blasphemies they may utter; some seed fell by the wayside; and the

2 birds of the air came and devoured it.

' but he who blasphemes against the

Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is 5

Some fell on stony ground, where it did

subject to eternal condemnation"--

not have much earth; and immediately it

30because they said, "He has an sprang up because it had no depth of earth.

unclean spirit."

3

1Then His brothers and His mother 6But when the sun was up it was

scorched, and because it had no root it

came, and standing outside they sent to withered away. Him, calling Him.

And some seed fell among thorns; and they have no root in themselves,

the thorns grew up and choked it, and it and so endure only for a time. Afterward,

yielded no crop. when tribulation or persecution arises

for the word's sake, immediately they

stumble. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased

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and produced: some thirtyfold, some Now these are the ones sown among

sixty, and some a hundred." thorns; they are the ones who hear the

word,

'And He said to them, "He who has ears

to hear, let him hear!" 1 ' and the cares of this world, the

deceitfulness of riches, and the desires

10 for other things entering in choke the

But when He was alone, those around

Him with the twelve asked Him about word, and it becomes unfruitful.

the parable. 0But these are the ones sown on good

2

11 ground, those who hear the word,

And He said to them, "To you it has

been given to know the mystery of the accept it, and bear fruit: some

thirtyfold,

kingdom of God; but to those who are some sixty, and some a hundred." outside, all things come in parables,

2 1

Also He said to them, "Is a lamp

12 brought to be put under a basket or

so that "Seeing they may see and not

perceive, And hearing they may hear under a bed? Is it not to be set on a

and not understand; Lest they should lampstand? turn, And their sins be forgiven them."

2 2

For there is nothing hidden which will

13 not be revealed, nor has anything been

And He said to them, "Do you not

understand this parable? How then will kept secret but that it should come to

you understand all the parables? light.

1

4The sower sows the word. 2 3 anyone has ears to hear, let him

hear."

15 And these are the ones by the wayside 2

where the word is sown. When they Then He said to them, "Take heed 4

hear, Satan comes immediately and what you hear. With the same measure

takes away the word that was sown in you use, it will be measured to you; and

their hearts. to you who hear, more will be given.

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6These likewise are the ones sown on 2 5For whoever has, to him more will be

stony ground who, when they hear the given; but whoever does not have, even

word, immediately receive it with what he has will be taken away from

gladness; him."

26And He said, "The kingdom of God is 36Now when they had left the multitude,

as if a man should scatter seed on the they took Him along in the boat as He

ground, was. And other little boats were also

with Him.

27

and should sleep by night and rise by

37

day, and the seed should sprout and And a great windstorm arose, and the

grow, he himself does not know how. waves beat into the boat, so that it was

already filling.

2 ' For the earth yields crops by itself: first

the blade, then the head, after that the 3' But He was in the stern, asleep on a

full grain in the head. pillow. And they awoke Him and said to

Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we

2 are perishing?" ' But when the grain ripens, immediately

he puts in the sickle, because the 3' Then harvest has come." He arose and rebuked the wind,

and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!"

30Then He said, "To what shall we liken

And the wind ceased and there was a
the kingdom of God? Or with what great calm.

parable shall we picture it? 0But He said to them, "Why are you so

4

3 1 is like a mustard seed which, when it

fearful? How is it that you have no
is sown on the ground, is smaller than faith?" all the seeds on earth;

41

And they feared exceedingly, and said

32 to one another, "Who can this be, that but when it is sown, it grows
up and

becomes greater than all herbs, and even the wind and the sea obey
Him!"

shoots out large branches, so that the

birds of the air may nest under its

shade." 5Then they came to the other side of

33And with many such parables He the sea, to the country of the
Gadarenes.

spoke the word to them as they were ²

And when He had come out of the boat,
able to hear it.

immediately there met Him out of the

³⁴But without a parable He did not speak to a man with an
unclean spirit, to them. And when they were alone, He ³

who had his dwelling among the tombs;
explained all things to His disciples.

and no one could bind him, not even

³⁵ with chains, On the same day, when evening had come, He said to
them, "Let us cross ⁴

because he had often been bound with
over to the other side."

shackles and chains. And the chains

had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces;
neither could And they went out to see what it was
anyone tame him. that had happened.

⁵¹ And always, night and day, he was in ⁵Then they came to Jesus,
and saw the the mountains and in the tombs, crying one who had
been demon-possessed

out and cutting himself with stones. and had the legion, sitting and
clothed

and in his right mind. And they were

⁶ afraid. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran

and worshiped Him. 6 And those who saw it told them how it

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7 happened to him who had been demon- And he cried out with a loud voice and

said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, possessed, and about the swine. Son of the Most High God? I implore

You by God that You do not torment 1 7 Then they began to plead with Him to me." depart from their region.

'For He said to him, "Come out of the 1 ' And when He got into the boat, he who man, unclean spirit!" had been demon-possessed begged

Him that he might be with Him.

'Then He asked him, "What is your

name?" And he answered, saying, "My 1 ' However, Jesus did not permit him, name is Legion; for we are many." but said to him, "Go home to your

friends, and tell them what great things

10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He

the Lord has done for you, and how He would not send them out of the country. has had compassion on you."

1 2 0 1 And he departed and began to Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had

done for him; and all marveled.

12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, 2

"Send us to the swine, that we may 1 Now when Jesus had crossed over

enter them." again by boat to the other side, a great

multitude gathered to Him; and He was

1 by the sea. 3And at once Jesus gave them

permission. Then the unclean spirits 2And behold, one of the rulers of
the went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand);
and the herd synagogue came, Jairus by name. And

ran violently down the steep place into when he saw Him, he fell at
His feet the sea, and drowned in the sea.

2 3

and begged Him earnestly, saying,

14 "My little daughter lies at the point of

so those who fed the swine fled, and

they told it in the city and in the country. death. Come and lay Your
hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will 34And He said to
her, "Daughter, your

live." faith has made you well. Go in peace,

and be healed of your affliction."

24

So Jesus went with him, and a great

35

multitude followed Him and thronged While He was still speaking,
some

Him. came from the ruler of the synagogue's

house who said, "Your daughter is dead.

25 Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

Now a certain woman had a flow of

blood for twelve years, 36As soon as Jesus heard the word that
26and had suffered many things from

was spoken, He said to the ruler of the
many physicians. She had spent all that synagogue, "Do not be afraid;
only
she had and was no better, but rather believe."

grew worse. 37And He permitted no one to follow Him
27 except Peter, James, and John the

When she heard about Jesus, she
came behind Him in the crowd and brother of James.

touched His garment. 8Then He came to the house of the

3

28For she said, "If only I may touch His

ruler of the synagogue, and saw a
clothes, I shall be made well." tumult and those who wept and wailed
loudly.

2' Immediately the fountain of her blood

was dried up, and she felt in her body When He came in, He said to
them, 39

that she was healed of the affliction. "Why make this commotion and
weep?

The child is not dead, but sleeping."

30And Jesus, immediately knowing in 40And they ridiculed Him. But when He Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, had put them all outside, He took the

"Who touched My clothes?" father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered

31But His disciples said to Him, "You see where the child was lying.

the multitude thronging You, and You 41Then He took the child by the hand, say, "Who touched Me?"

and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is 32 translated, "Little girl, I say to you,

And He looked around to see her who arise."

had done this thing.

33 4 2 mediately the girl arose and walked,

But the woman, fearing and trembling, for she was twelve years of age. And knowing what had happened to her,

they were overcome with great came and fell down before Him and told amazement.

Him the whole truth.

43But He commanded them strictly that

no bread, no copper in their money no one should know it, and said that belts--something should be given her to eat.

9but to wear sandals, and not to put on
two tunics.

6Then He went out from there and
came to His own country, and His Also He said to them, "In whatever 1
0
disciples followed Him. place you enter a house, stay there till
you depart from that place.

2And when the Sabbath had come, He 1
began to teach in the synagogue. And 1 And whoever will not receive
you nor
many hearing Him were astonished, hear you, when you depart from
there,

saying, "Where did this Man get these shake off the dust under your
feet as a

things? And what wisdom is this which testimony against them.
Assuredly, I say

is given to Him, that such mighty works to you, it will be more
tolerable for

are performed by His hands! Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of
judgment than for that city!"

Els this not the carpenter, the Son of 12

Mary, and brother of James, Joses, So they went out and preached
that

Judas, and Simon? And are not His people should repent. sisters here
with us?" So they were

offended at Him. 13And they cast out many demons, and

anointed with oil many who were sick,

4 and healed them. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own

country, among his own relatives, and in 1 4

Now King Herod heard of Him, for His
his own house." name had become well known. And he

said, "John the Baptist is risen from the
5 dead, and therefore these powers are at Now He could do no mighty
work there,

except that He laid His hands on a few work in him." sick people and
healed them.

15

o thers said, "It is Elijah." And others
6 said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the And He marveled because
of their
unbelief. Then He went about the prophets." villages in a circuit,
teaching.

1 6But when Herod heard, he said, "This
7 is John, whom I beheaded; he has been And He called the twelve to
Himself,
and began to send them out two by two, raised from the dead!" and
gave them power over unclean
spirits. 1 7For Herod himself had sent and laid

hold of John, and bound him in prison
8 for the sake of Herodias, his brother He commanded them to take
nothing
for the journey except a staff--no bag, Philip's wife; for he had married
her.

1 2 7 mediately ' Because John had said to Herod, "It is the king sent an
not lawful for you to have your brother's executioner and commanded

his head

wife." to be brought. And he went and

beheaded him in prison,

1 ' Therefore Herodias held it against him

and wanted to kill him, but she could 2 8brought his head on a platter,
and not; gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to

her mother.

20 or Herod feared John, knowing that

he was a just and holy man, and he 2 ' When his disciples heard of it,
they protected him. And when he heard him, came and took away his
corpse and laid

he did many things, and heard him it in a tomb. gladly.

30Then the apostles gathered to Jesus

21Then an opportune day came when and told Him all things, both
what they

Herod on his birthday gave a feast for had done and what they had
taught. his nobles, the high officers, and the

chief men of Galilee. 31And He said to them, "Come aside by

yourselves to a deserted place and rest

22 And when Herodias' daughter herself a while." For there were many
coming

came in and danced, and pleased and going, and they did not even
have

Herod and those who sat with him, the time to eat. king said to the
girl, "Ask me whatever

you want, and I will give it to you." 32 So they departed to a deserted
place

in the boat by themselves.

He also swore to her, "Whatever you

ask me, I will give you, up to half my 33 But the multitudes saw them departing, kingdom." and many knew Him and ran there on

foot from all the cities. They arrived

24 So she went out and said to her before them and came together to Him.

mother, "What shall I ask?" And she

said, "The head of John the Baptist!" 34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a

great multitude and was moved with

25 mediately she came in with haste to compassion for them, because they

the king and asked, saying, "I want you were like sheep not having a shepherd.

to give me at once the head of John the So He began to teach them many things.

Baptist on a platter."

35 When the day was now far spent, His

26 And the king was exceedingly sorry;

disciples came to Him and said, "This is

yet, because of the oaths and because a deserted place, and already the hour

of those who sat with him, he did not is late. want to refuse her.

36 Send them away, that they may go 46 And when He had sent them away, He into the surrounding country and villages departed to the mountain to pray. and buy themselves bread; for they

have nothing to eat." 7 4 Now when evening came, the boat

37 He answered and said to them, But was in the middle of the sea;
and He was alone on the land.

"You give them something to eat." And

they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy ⁴ 8 Then He saw them straining
at rowing, two hundred denarii worth of bread and for the wind was
against them. Now

give them something to eat?" about the fourth watch of the night He

38 But He said to them, "How many came to them, walking on the sea,
and

would have passed them by.

loaves do you have? Go and see." And

when they found out they said, "Five, ⁴ ' And when they saw Him
walking on and two fish." the sea, they supposed it was a ghost,

and cried out;

3 ' Then He commanded them to make

them all sit down in groups on the green ⁵⁰ or they all saw Him and
were troubled. grass. But immediately He talked with them

⁴ is I; do not be afraid."

0 So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and said to them, "Be of good
cheer! It

and in fifties.

51

Then He went up into the boat to them,

⁴ 1

And when He had taken the five and the wind ceased. And they

were

loaves and the two fish, He looked up to greatly amazed in themselves beyond

heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, measure, and marveled. and gave them to His disciples to set

before them; and the two fish He divided ⁵²For they had not understood about the among them all. loaves, because their heart was hardened.

42

So they all ate and were filled.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of

came to the land of Gennesaret and

fragments and of the fish. anchored there.

44 ⁵⁴

Now those who had eaten the loaves And when they came out of the boat,

were about five thousand men. immediately the people recognized Him,

4 ⁵ ⁵ immediately He made His disciples get ⁵ an through that whole surrounding into the boat and go before Him to the region, and began to carry about on

other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent beds those who were sick to wherever

the multitude away. they heard He was.

⁵ ⁸ ⁶ Wherever He entered, into villages,

For laying aside the commandment of

cities, or the country, they laid the sick in God, you hold the tradition of men --the

the marketplaces, and begged Him that washing of pitchers and cups, and many

they might just touch the hem of His other such things you do." garment. And as many as touched Him

were made well. 'He said to them, "All too well you reject

the commandment of God, that you may

keep your tradition.

7Then the Pharisees and some of the

1 0For Moses said, "Honor your father

scribes came together to Him, having

come from Jerusalem. and your mother'; and, "He who curses

father or mother, let him be put to

2 death.' Now when they saw some of His

disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, 1 1But you say, "If a man says to his with unwashed hands, they found fault.

father or mother, "Whatever profit you

3For the Pharisees and all the Jews do might have received from me is Corban"--' (that is, a gift to God), not eat unless they wash their hands in

a special way, holding the tradition of

the elders. then you no longer let him do anything 12

for his father or his mother,

4When they come from the marketplace, 3 asking the word of God of no effect

they do not eat unless they wash. And 1

there are many other things which they through your tradition which you have

have received and hold, like the handed down. And many such things washing of cups, pitchers, copper you do." vessels, and couches.

1 4

When He had called all the multitude

5 to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, Then the Pharisees and scribes asked

Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk everyone, and understand: according to the tradition of the elders,

but eat bread with unwashed hands?" 1 5There is nothing that enters a man

from outside which can defile him; but

6He answered and said to them, "Well the things which come out of him, those

did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, are the things that defile a man. as it is written: "This people honors Me

with their lips, But their heart is far from 1 6 anyone has ears to hear, let him Me. hear!"

7 1 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching 7When He had entered a house away as doctrines the commandments of from the crowd, His disciples asked Him

men.' concerning the parable.

1 2 ' So He said to them, "Are you thus 8And she answered and said to Him, without understanding also? Do you not "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under

perceive that whatever enters a man the table eat from the children's
from outside cannot defile him, crumbs."

12 ' because it does not enter his heart but ' Then He said to her, "For
this saying his stomach, and is eliminated, thus go your way; the
demon has gone out of

purifying all foods?" your daughter."

20And He said, "What comes out of a 30And when she had come to
her house,

man, that defiles a man. she found the demon gone out, and her

daughter lying on the bed.

21

For from within, out of the heart of men, 31Again, departing from
the region of

proceed evil thoughts, adulteries,

fornications, murders, Tyre and Sidon, He came through the

midst of the region of Decapolis to the

22 Sea of Galilee.

hefts, covetousness, wickedness,

deceit, lewdness, an evil eye,

32

blasphemy, pride, foolishness. Then they brought to Him one who

was deaf and had an impediment in his

23All these evil things come from within

speech, and they begged Him to put His

and defile a man." hand on him.

2 33 4 And He took him aside from the From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He multitude, and put His fingers in his ears,

entered a house and wanted no one to and He spat and touched his tongue.

know it, but He could not be hidden.

34

Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed,

25For a woman whose young daughter

and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is,

had an unclean spirit heard about Him, "Be opened."

and she came and fell at His feet. 5 mediately his ears were opened,

3

26 and the impediment of his tongue was

The woman was a Greek, a Syro-

Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking loosed, and he spoke plainly.

Him to cast the demon out of her 6Then He commanded them that they

daughter. 3

should tell no one; but the more He

27But Jesus said to her, "Let the children

commanded them, the more widely they

be filled first, for it is not good to take the proclaimed it. children's bread and throw it to the little

dogs." 37And they were astonished beyond

measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to 10 mediately got into the boat with His hear and the mute to speak." disciples, and came to the region of

Dalmanutha.

8In those days, the multitude being Then the Pharisees came out and 1 1

began to dispute with Him, seeking from very great and having nothing to eat,

Him a sign from heaven, testing Him.

Jesus called His disciples to Him and

said to them, 1 2But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and

2 said, "Why does this generation seek a I have compassion on the multitude,

because they have now continued with sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign

shall be given to this generation."

Me three days and have nothing to eat.

3 1 3And He left them, and getting into the

And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; boat again, departed to the other side.

for some of them have come from afar." 1 4Now the disciples had

forgotten to take

4 bread, and they did not have more than Then His disciples
answered Him,

one loaf with them in the boat.

"How can one satisfy these people with

bread here in the wilderness?" 15Then He charged them, saying, "Take

5 heed, beware of the leaven of the He asked them, "How many loaves
do

Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

you have?" And they said, "Seven."

1 6And they reasoned among themselves,

6So He commanded the multitude to sit

down on the ground. And He took the saying, "It is because we have
no

seven loaves and gave thanks, broke bread."

them and gave them to His disciples to 17But Jesus, being aware of it,
said to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. them,
"Why do you reason because you

have no bread? Do you not yet perceive

7 nor understand? Is your heart still

They also had a few small fish; and

having blessed them, He said to set hardened?

them also before them. 1 8Having eyes, do you not see? And

8 having ears, do you not hear? And do So they ate and were filled,
and they

took up seven large baskets of leftover you not remember? fragments.

1 ' When I broke the five loaves for the

'Now those who had eaten were about five thousand, how many
baskets full of

four thousand. And He sent them away, fragments did you take up?"
They said

to Him, "Twelve."

2 3 0a Also, when I broke the seven for the 0Then He strictly warned
them that they four thousand, how many large baskets should tell no
one about Him. full of fragments did you take up?" And

they said, "Seven." 31And He began to teach them that the

Son of Man must suffer many things,

21

So He said to them, "How is it you do and be rejected by the elders
and chief

not understand?" priests and scribes, and be killed, and

after three days rise again.

22

Then He came to Bethsaida; and they 32He spoke this word openly.
Then Peter

brought a blind man to Him, and begged

Him to touch him. took Him aside and began to rebuke

Him.

23

So He took the blind man by the hand 33But when He had turned
around and

and led him out of the town. And when

He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He looked at His disciples, He rebuked

him, He asked him if he saw Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan!

anything. For you are not mindful of the things of

God, but the things of men."

24

And he looked up and said, "I see men

34

like trees, walking." When He had called the people to

Himself, with His disciples also, He said

25 Then He put His hands on his eyes

to them, "Whoever desires to come after

Me, let him deny himself, and take up

his cross, and follow Me.

26 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for

Me will save it. My Son of Man will save anyone in the town."

27 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains

all the world, and loses his

own soul? For what will it profit a man if he gains all the world, and loses his own soul?

on the road He asked His disciples, soul?

am?" what will a man give in exchange 37 Or saying to them, "Who do men say that I

for his soul?

28

So they answered, "John the Baptist;

but some say, Elijah; and others, one of 3' For whoever is ashamed of Me and

the prophets." My words in this adulterous and sinful

generation, of him the Son of Man also

2 will be ashamed when He comes in the ' He said to them, "But who do you say

that I am?" Peter answered and said to glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Him, "You are the Christ."

10 So they kept this word to themselves,

9 questioning what the rising from the And He said to them, "Assuredly, I

dead meant.

say to you that there are some standing

here who will not taste death till they see 1 And they asked Him, saying, "Why do the kingdom of God present with power." the scribes say that Elijah must come

first?"

2 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, 2

James, and John, and led them up on a 1 Then He answered and told

them,

high mountain apart by themselves; and "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and

He was transfigured before them. restores all things. And how is it written

concerning the Son of Man, that He

3His must suffer many things and be treated clothes became shining, with contempt? exceedingly white, like snow, such as no

launderer on earth can whiten them. 1 3But I say to you that Elijah has also

4 come, and they did to him whatever they And Elijah appeared to them with

wished, as it is written of him."

Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

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5 And when He came to the disciples,

Then Peter answered and said to Jesus,

He saw a great multitude around them,

"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and

let us make three tabernacles: one for and scribes disputing with them.

You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"- 1 5 mediately, when they saw Him, all

the people were greatly amazed, and

6 running to Him, greeted Him.

because he did not know what to say,

for they were greatly afraid. ¹ 6 And He asked the scribes, "What are
⁷ you discussing with them?" And a cloud came and overshadowed

them; and a voice came out of the cloud, ¹ 7 Then one of the crowd
answered and saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" said,
"Teacher, I brought You my son,

who has a mute spirit.

⁸ Suddenly, when they had looked ⁸ And wherever it seizes him, it
throws

around, they saw no one anymore, but ¹

only Jesus with themselves. him down; he foams at the mouth,

gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid.

'Now as they came down from the So I spoke to Your disciples, that
they

mountain, He commanded them that should cast it out, but they could
not."

they should tell no one the things they ¹ He answered him and said,
"O had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. faithless
generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with ²
So He said to them, "This kind can you? Bring him to Me." come out
by nothing but prayer and

fasting."

²⁰ Then they brought him to Him. And

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when he saw Him, immediately the spirit Then they departed from
there and

convulsed him, and he fell on the passed through Galilee, and He did

not

ground and wallowed, foaming at the want anyone to know it. mouth.

31

For He taught His disciples and said to

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So He asked his father, "How long has them, "The Son of Man is being

this been happening to him?" And he betrayed into the hands of men, and

said, "From childhood. they will kill Him. And after He is killed,

He will rise the third day."

22And often he has thrown him both into

the fire and into the water to destroy him. 32But they did not understand this saying,

But if You can do anything, have and were afraid to ask Him. compassion on us and help us."

33Then He came to Capernaum. And

23Jesus said to him, "If you can believe,

when He was in the house He asked

all things are possible to him who them, "What was it you disputed among

believes." yourselves on the road?"

24 mediately the father of the child

34

But they kept silent, for on the road

cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I they had disputed among

themselves

believe; help my unbelief!" who would be the greatest.

25 35

When Jesus saw that the people came And He sat down, called the twelve,

running together, He rebuked the and said to them, "If anyone desires to

unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and be first, he shall be last of all and

dumb spirit, I command you, come out servant of all." of him and enter him no more!"

36 Then He took a little child and set him

26 Then the spirit cried out, convulsed

in the midst of them. And when He had

him greatly, and came out of him. And taken him in His arms, He said to them,

he became as one dead, so that many

said, "He is dead." 3 7a Whoever receives one of these little

children in My name receives Me; and

27

But Jesus took him by the hand and whoever receives Me, receives not Me

lifted him up, and he arose. but Him who sent Me."

2 ' And when He had come into the house, 38 Now John answered Him, saying,

His disciples asked Him privately, "Why "Teacher, we saw someone who does

could we not cast it out?" not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he than having two eyes, to be cast into

does not follow us." hell fire--

39But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for 48where "Their worm does not die And no one who works a miracle in My name the fire is not quenched.' can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

4 "' For everyone will be seasoned with

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For he who is not against us is on our fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned

side. with salt.

4 5 10Salt is good, but if the salt loses its

For whoever gives you a cup of water

to drink in My name, because you flavor, how will you season it? Have salt

belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, in yourselves, and have peace with one

he will by no means lose his reward. another."

42 But whoever causes one of these little

ones who believe in Me to stumble, it 1 OThen He arose from there and would be better for him if a millstone

came to the region of Judea by the other were hung around his neck, and he side of the Jordan. And multitudes were thrown into the sea. gathered to Him again, and as He was

4 accustomed, He taught them again. 3 your hand causes you to sin, cut it

off. It is better for you to enter into life 2The Pharisees came and asked Him, maimed, rather than having two hands, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his

to go to hell, into the fire that shall never wife?" testing Him. be quenched--

4 3And He answered and said to them, 4 where "Their worm does not die And "What did Moses command you?" the fire is not quenched.'

4

5And if your foot causes you to sin, cut 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to

write a certificate of divorce, and to

it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, dismiss her." rather than having two feet, to be cast

into hell, into the fire that shall never be 5

And Jesus answered and said to them,

quenched--

"Because of the hardness of your heart

4 he wrote you this precept. 6where "Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' 6

But from the beginning of the creation,

4 God "made them male and female.' 7And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter

the kingdom of God with one eye, rather 7 For this reason a man shall leave his and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what

father and mother and be joined to his shall I do that I may inherit

eternal life?"

wife,

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So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call

sand the two shall become one flesh'; so Me good? No one is good but One, that

then they are no longer two, but one is, God. flesh.

1 ' You know the commandments: "Do

'Therefore what God has joined not commit adultery,' "Do not murder,' together, let not man separate." "Do not steal,' "Do not bear false

witness,' "Do not defraud,' "Honor your

10 n the house His disciples also asked father and your mother."

Him again about the same matter. 0And he answered and said to Him,

2

11 "Teacher, all these things I have kept

So He said to them, "Whoever

divorces his wife and marries another from my youth." commits adultery against her.

21

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him,

12And if a woman divorces her husband

and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go

and marries another, she commits your way, sell whatever you have and

adultery." give to the poor, and you will have

treasure in heaven; and come, take up

13 the cross, and follow Me."

Then they brought little children to Him,

that He might touch them; but the 2 But he was sad at this word, and went disciples rebuked those who brought them. away sorrowful, for he had great

possessions.

14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly 2

displeased and said to them, "Let the 3 Then Jesus looked around and said to

little children come to Me, and do not His disciples, "How hard it is for those

forbid them; for of such is the kingdom who have riches to enter the kingdom of

of God. God!"

1 And the disciples were astonished at

5 Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does 24

not receive the kingdom of God as a His words. But Jesus answered again

little child will by no means enter it." and said to them, "Children, how hard it

is for those who trust in riches to enter

1 the kingdom of God! 6 And He took them up in His arms, laid

His hands on them, and blessed them. 2 5 It is easier for a camel to go through

1 the eye of a needle than for a rich man 7 Now as He was going out on

the road,

to enter the kingdom of God."

one came running, knelt before Him, ²⁶And they were greatly astonished, ³⁴and they will mock Him, and scourge

saying among themselves, "Who then Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And

can be saved?" the third day He will rise again."

²³ 75

But Jesus looked at them and said, Then James and John, the sons of

"With men it is impossible, but not with Zebedee, came to Him, saying, God; for with God all things are "Teacher, we want You to do for us

possible." whatever we ask."

²⁸Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, ³⁶And He said to them, "What do you

we have left all and followed You." want Me to do for you?"

²³⁷ '

So Jesus answered and said, They said to Him, "Grant us that we

"Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one may sit, one on Your right hand and the

who has left house or brothers or sisters other on Your left, in Your glory." or father or mother or wife or children or

lands, for My sake and the gospel's, ^{3'} But Jesus said to them, "You do not

30 who shall not receive a hundredfold know what you ask. Are you able to

drink the cup that I drink, and be

now in this time--houses and brothers baptized with the baptism that I am

and sisters and mothers and children baptized with?" and lands, with persecutions--and in the

age to come, eternal life. 3' They said to Him, "We are able." So

Jesus said to them, "You will indeed

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But many who are first will be last, and drink the cup that I drink, and with the

the last first." baptism I am baptized with you will be

baptized;

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Now they were on the road, going up

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to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going but to sit on My right hand and on My

before them; and they were amazed. left is not Mine to give, but it is for those

And as they followed they were afraid. for whom it is prepared." Then He took the twelve aside again

and began to tell them the things that 4 1 And when the ten heard it, they began would happen to Him: to be greatly displeased with James and

John.

33 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem,

and the Son of Man will be betrayed to 4 2But Jesus called them to Himself and the chief priests and to the scribes; and said to them, "You know that those who

they will condemn Him to death and are considered rulers over the Gentiles

deliver Him to the Gentiles; lord it over them, and their great ones

exercise authority over them.

43Yet it shall not be so among you; but

whoever desires to become great 1 1 Now when they drew near among you shall be your servant.

Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany,

4 at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of 4 And whoever of you desires to be first His disciples;

shall be slave of all.

2 and He said to them, "Go into the

45 For even the Son of Man did not come village opposite you; and as soon as

to be served, but to serve, and to give you have entered it you will find a colt

His life a ransom for many." tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it

and bring it.

46Now they came to Jericho. As He went

out of Jericho with His disciples and a 3And if anyone says to you, "Why are

great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the you doing this?' say, "The Lord has

son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. need of it,' and immediately he will send

And when he heard that it was Jesus
of Nazareth, he began to cry out and 4 So they went their way, and
found the say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy colt tied by the door
outside on the
on me!" street, and they loosed it.

4 5 ' Then many warned him to be quiet; But some of those who stood
there said but he cried out all the more, "Son of to them, "What are
you doing, loosing

David, have mercy on me!" the colt?"

4 6 ' So Jesus stood still and commanded And they spoke to them just
as Jesus him to be called. Then they called the had commanded. So
they let them go.

blind man, saying to him, "Be of good
cheer. Rise, He is calling you." 7

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and
5 threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 0And throwing aside his
garment, he
rose and came to Jesus. 8And many spread their clothes on the

5 road, and others cut down leafy 1 So Jesus answered and said to
him, branches from the trees and spread

"What do you want Me to do for you?" them on the road. The blind
man said to Him, "Rabboni,

that I may receive my sight." 'Then those who went before and those

5 who followed cried out, saying: 2Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way;

"Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in your faith has made you well." And the name of the LORD!" immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

11 0Blessed is the kingdom of our father

' When evening had come, He went out David That comes in the name of the of the city. Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

2 0Now in the morning, as they passed by,
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And Jesus went into Jerusalem and they saw the fig tree dried up from the
into the temple. So when He had looked roots. around at all things, as the hour was

already late, He went out to Bethany 2 1And Peter, remembering, said to Him, with the twelve. "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You

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2Now the next day, when they had cursed has withered away."

come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 2 2So Jesus answered and said to them,

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3And seeing from afar a fig tree having "Have faith in God.

leaves, He went to see if perhaps He 2 3For assuredly, I say to you, whoever would find something on it. When He says to this mountain, "Be removed and

came to it, He found nothing but leaves, be cast into the sea,' and does

not doubt for it was not the season for figs. in his heart, but believes that those

things he says will be done, he will have

14 n response Jesus said to it, "Let no

whatever he says.

one eat fruit from you ever again." And

His disciples heard it. 2 4Therefore I say to you, whatever

things you ask when you pray, believe

15

So they came to Jerusalem. Then that you receive them, and you will have

Jesus went into the temple and began to them. drive out those who bought and sold in

the temple, and overturned the tables of 2 5 'And whenever you stand praying, if the money changers and the seats of you have anything against anyone,

those who sold doves. forgive him, that your Father in heaven

may also forgive you your trespasses.

16And He would not allow anyone to

carry wares through the temple. 2 6But if you do not forgive, neither will

your Father in heaven forgive your

17

Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it trespasses."

not written, "My house shall be called a

house of prayer for all nations'? But you 27Then they came again to Jerusalem. have made it a "den of thieves." And as He was walking in the temple,

the chief priests, the scribes, and the

¹ elders came to Him. ' And the scribes and chief priests heard it and sought how they might

destroy Him; for they feared Him, ² 8And they said to Him, "By what because all the people were astonished authority are You doing these things?

at His teaching.

And who gave You this authority to do him in the head, and sent him away

these things?" shamefully treated.

² ⁵ 9But Jesus answered and said to them,

And again he sent another, and him

"I also will ask you one question; then they killed; and many others, beating

answer Me, and I will tell you by what some and killing some. authority I do these things:

⁶ Therefore still having one son, his

³⁰

The baptism of John--was it from beloved, he also sent him to them last,

heaven or from men? Answer Me." saying, "They will respect my son.'

³¹And they reasoned among themselves, ⁷But those vinedressers said among saying, "If we say, "From heaven,' He themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let

will say, "Why then did you not believe us kill him, and the inheritance will be

him?' ours.'

32 8 But if we say, "From men"

--they So they took him and killed him and
feared the people, for all counted John cast him out of the vineyard.
to have been a prophet indeed.

"Therefore what will the owner of the
33 So they answered and said to Jesus, vineyard do? He will come and
destroy

"We do not know." And Jesus answered the vinedressers, and give the
vineyard

and said to them, "Neither will I tell you to others. by what authority I
do these things."

1 0 Have you not even read this Scripture:

"The stone which the builders rejected

1 Has become the chief cornerstone. 2 Then He began to speak to
them

in parables: "A man planted a vineyard

and set a hedge around it, dug a place This was the LORD's doing, And
it is 11

for the wine vat and built a tower. And marvelous in our eyes?" he
leased it to vinedressers and went

into a far country. 12

And they sought to lay hands on Him,

but feared the multitude, for they knew

2 He had spoken the parable against Now at vintage-time he sent a
servant

to the vinedressers, that he might them. So they left Him and went
away.

receive some of the fruit of the vineyard

1 3

from the vinedressers. Then they sent to Him some of the

Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch

3And they took him and beat him and Him in His words. sent him away empty-handed.

1 4When they had come, they said to Him,

4 "Teacher, we know that You are true, Again he sent them another servant,

and at him they threw stones, wounded and care about no one; for You do not

2 4

regard the person of men, but teach the Jesus answered and said to them,

way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay "Are you not therefore mistaken,

taxes to Caesar, or not? because you do not know the Scriptures

nor the power of God?

15

Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But

2 5

He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to For when they rise from the dead, they

them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a neither marry nor are given in marriage,

denarius that I may see it." but are like angels in heaven.

1 2 6 6But concerning the dead, that they rise,

So they brought it. And He said to
them, "Whose image and inscription is have you not read in the book
of Moses,
this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." in the burning bush passage, how
God
spoke to him, saying, "I am the God of
17And Jesus answered and said to them,
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the
"Render to Caesar the things that are God of Jacob?"
Caesar's, and to God the things that are
2 7
God's." And they marveled at Him. He is not the God of the dead, but
the
God of the living. You are therefore
1 greatly mistaken." ' Then some Sadducees, who say there
is no resurrection, came to Him; and 8Then one of the scribes came,
and
they asked Him, saying: 2
having heard them reasoning together,
1 9 "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a
perceiving that He had answered them
man's brother dies, and leaves his wife well, asked Him, "Which is the
first
behind, and leaves no children, his commandment of all?" brother
should take his wife and raise up
offspring for his brother. 2 ' Jesus answered him, "The first of all

the commandments is: "Hear, O Israel,

20Now there were seven brothers. The

the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

first took a wife; and dying, he left no

offspring. 30And you shall love the LORD your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

21And the second took her, and he died; with all your mind, and
with all your

nor did he leave any offspring. And the strength.' This is the first
commandment.

third likewise.

31And the second, like it, is this: "You

22 shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

So the seven had her and left no

offspring. Last of all the woman died There is no other commandment
greater

also. than these."

2 32 3Therefore, in the resurrection, when

So the scribe said to Him, "Well said,

they rise, whose wife will she be? For all Teacher. You have spoken
the truth, for

seven had her as wife."

4 1

there is one God, and there is no other Now Jesus sat opposite the
treasury

but He. and saw how the people put money into

the treasury. And many who were rich

33And to love Him with all the heart, with put in much. all the understanding, with all the soul,

4 2

and with all the strength, and to love Then one poor widow came and threw

one's neighbor as oneself, is more than in two mites, which make a quadrans.

all the whole burnt offerings and

sacrifices." 4 3So He called His disciples to Himself

34Now when Jesus saw that he and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to

you that this poor widow has put in more

answered wisely, He said to him, "You than all those who have given to the

are not far from the kingdom of God." treasury; But after that no one dared question

Him. 4 4 or they all put in out of their

abundance, but she out of her poverty

35

Then Jesus answered and said, while put in all that she had, her whole

He taught in the temple, "How is it that livelihood." the scribes say that the Christ is the Son

of David?

36For David himself said by the Holy 1 OThen as He went out of the temple,

one of His disciples said to Him,

Spirit: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit

"Teacher, see what manner of stones

at My right hand, Till I make Your

and what buildings are here!"

enemies Your footstool."

3

7Therefore David himself calls Him 2 And Jesus answered and said to him,

"Lord"; "Do you see these great buildings? Not

how is He then his Son?" And the

one stone shall be left upon another,

common people heard Him gladly.

that shall not be thrown down."

38Then He said to them in His teaching, 3Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives

"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go

opposite the temple, Peter, James, John,

around in long robes, love greetings in

and Andrew asked Him privately,

the marketplaces,

3 4 Tell us, when will these things be? And '

the best seats in the synagogues, and

what will be the sign when all these

the best places at feasts,

things will be fulfilled?"

40who devour widows' houses, and for a

5And Jesus, answering them, began to

pretense make long prayers. These will

say: "Take heed that no one deceives

receive greater condemnation."

you.

6For many will come in My name, saying, the reader understand),
"then let those

"I am He,' and will deceive many. who are in Judea flee to the
mountains.

71 But when you hear of wars and rumors 5Let him who is on the
housetop not go of wars, do not be troubled; for such down into the
house, nor enter to take

things must happen, but the end is not anything out of his house. yet.

1 6

And let him who is in the field not go

8For nation will rise against nation, and back to get his clothes.
kingdom against kingdom. And there will

be earthquakes in various places, and 17But woe to those who are
pregnant there will be famines and troubles. and to those who are
nursing babies in

These are the beginnings of sorrows. those days!

"But watch out for yourselves, for they ¹ 8And pray that your flight may not be in

will deliver you up to councils, and you winter. will be beaten in the synagogues. You

will be brought before rulers and kings ¹

' For in those days there will be

for My sake, for a testimony to them.

tribulation, such as has not been since

¹ the beginning of the creation which God ⁰And the gospel must first be preached

created until this time, nor ever shall be.

to all the nations.

¹ And unless the Lord had shortened ¹ 20

But when they arrest you and deliver those days, no flesh would be saved;

you up, do not worry beforehand, or but for the elect's sake, whom He chose,

premeditate what you will speak. But He shortened the days. whatever is given you in that hour,

speak that; for it is not you who speak, ² 14'Then if anyone says to you, "Look, but the Holy Spirit. here is the Christ!" or, "Look, He is

¹ there!' do not believe it. ²Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and ² 2

For false christs and false prophets will

children will rise up against parents and rise and show signs and wonders to

cause them to be put to death. deceive, if possible, even the elect.

13 And you will be hated by all for My

2 3

But take heed; see, I have told you all

name's sake. But he who endures to the things beforehand, end shall be saved.

2 4 'But in those days, after that tribulation,

14 So when you see the "abomination of

the sun will be darkened, and the moon
desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the

will not give its light;

prophet, standing where it ought not" (let

2 5 the stars of heaven will fall, and the

the crowing of the rooster, or in the
powers in the heavens will be shaken. morning--

26 Then they will see the Son of Man 36 est, coming suddenly, he find
you

coming in the clouds with great power sleeping. and glory.

37

And what I say to you, I say to all:

27

And then He will send His angels, and Watch!"
gather together His elect from the four
winds, from the farthest part of earth to

the farthest part of heaven. 1 4After two days it was the Passover

2 and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. 8 Now learn this parable from the fig

And the chief priests and the scribes
tree: When its branch has already
sought how they might take Him by
become tender, and puts forth leaves,
trickery and put Him to death.
you know that summer is near.

2 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest
2' So you also, when you see these
there be an uproar of the people."
things happening, know that it is near--

at the doors! 3And being in Bethany at the house of

30Assuredly, I say to you, this generation Simon the leper, as He sat at the table,

a woman came having an alabaster
will by no means pass away till all these flask of very costly oil of
spikenard.

things take place.

Then she broke the flask and poured it
31 on His head. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will
by no means pass away. 4

But there were some who were
3 indignant among themselves, and said, 2 But of that day and hour no
one

"Why was this fragrant oil wasted?

knows, not even the angels in heaven,

nor the Son, but only the Father. ⁵

For it might have been sold for more

³³ than three hundred denarii and given to the poor. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will come. And they criticized her sharply.

not know when the time is.

³⁴ is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ⁷

who left his house and gave authority to work for Me. his servants, and to each his work, and

commanded the doorkeeper to watch. ⁷

For you have the poor with you always,

³⁵ Watch therefore, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will come. Watch therefore, for you do not know the day or the hour when the Son of Man will come.

them good; but Me you do not have

when the master of the house is always coming--in the evening, at midnight, at ⁸ ¹ She has done what she could. She has ⁷ ⁿ the evening He came with the oil. He came beforehand to anoint My body for twelve. burial.

¹⁸ Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said,

'Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who

gospel is preached in the whole world, whoever eats and drinks with Me will betray Me." what this woman has done will also be

told as a memorial to her." ¹ And they began to be sorrowful, and to

¹ another said, "Is it I?"

Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And

went to the chief priests to betray Him to

them. ² He answered and said to them, "It is

one of the twelve, who dips with Me in

¹ And when they heard it, they were

the dish.

glad, and promised to give him money.

So he sought how he might conveniently ² The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by

whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It

¹ ²

Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread would have been good for that man if he

Bread, when they killed the Passover lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where

do You want us to go and prepare, that ² ²

And as they were eating, Jesus took

You may eat the Passover?" bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it

to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My

¹ ³ And He sent out two of His disciples body." and said to them, "Go into the city, and

a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of ² ³ Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them,

and they all drank from it.

¹⁴Wherever he goes in, say to the

master of the house, "The Teacher says, ² ⁴And He said to them, "This is My blood "Where is the guest room in which I may of the new covenant, which is shed for

eat the Passover with My disciples?" many.

¹⁵Then he will show you a large upper ⁵Assuredly, I say to you, I will no longer

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room, furnished and prepared; there drink of the fruit of the vine until that day

make ready for us." when I drink it new in the kingdom of

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⁶So His disciples went out, and came God."

into the city, and found it just as He had ² ⁶And when they had sung a hymn, they said to them; and they prepared the went out to the Mount of Olives. Passover.

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Then Jesus said to them, "All of you Then He came and found them will be made to stumble because of Me sleeping, and said to Peter, "Simon, are

this night, for it is written: "I will strike the you sleeping? Could you not watch one

Shepherd, And the sheep will be hour? scattered.'

38

Watch and pray, lest you enter into

²" But after I have been raised, I will go temptation. The spirit indeed is willing,

before you to Galilee." but the flesh is weak."

2' Peter said to Him, "Even if all are 3' Again He went away and prayed, and

made to stumble, yet I will not be." spoke the same words.

30 4 0

Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to And when He returned, He found them

you that today, even this night, before asleep again, for their eyes were heavy;

the rooster crows twice, you will deny and they did not know what to answer

Me three times." Him.

31But he spoke more vehemently, "If I 41Then He came the third time and said have to die with You, I will not deny to them, "Are you still sleeping and

You!" And they all said likewise. resting? It is enough! The hour has

come; behold, the Son of Man is being

32 betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Then they came to a place which was

named Gethsemane; and He said to His

disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 42

Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer

is at hand."

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And He took Peter, James, and John

with Him, and He began to be troubled And immediately, while He was still

and deeply distressed. speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with

a great multitude with swords and clubs,

34 came from the chief priests and the Then He said to them, "My soul is

exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. scribes and the elders. Stay here and watch."

44Now His betrayer had given them a

35He went a little farther, and fell on the signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is

ground, and prayed that if it were the One; seize Him and lead Him away

possible, the hour might pass from Him. safely."

36And He said, "Abba, Father, all things 45As soon as he had come, immediately are possible for You. Take this cup he went up to Him and said to Him,

away from Me; nevertheless, not what I "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. will, but what You will."

46Then they laid their hands on Him and
took Him.

45 78 We heard Him say, "I will destroy this And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the temple made with hands, and within

high priest, and cut off his ear. three days I will build another made
without hands."

4' Then Jesus answered and said to

them, "Have you come out, as against a 5 ' But not even then did their testimony robber, with swords and clubs to take agree. Me?

6 0

And the high priest stood up in the

4' I was daily with you in the temple midst and asked Jesus, saying,
"Do You

teaching, and you did not seize Me. But answer nothing? What is it
these men

the Scriptures must be fulfilled." testify against You?"

5 6 0Then they all forsook Him and fled.1But He kept silent and
answered

nothing. Again the high priest asked Him,

51 saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the

Now a certain young man followed

Him, having a linen cloth thrown around Son of the Blessed?"

his naked body. And the young men laid 62Jesus said, "I am. And you
will see the

hold of him,

Son of Man sitting at the right hand of

52 the Power, and coming with the clouds

and he left the linen cloth and fled from

them naked. of heaven."

5 6 3Then the high priest tore his clothes 3And they led Jesus away to
the high priest; and with him were assembled all and said, "What
further need do we

the chief priests, the elders, and the have of witnesses? scribes.

6 4 ou have heard the blasphemy! What

54 do you think?" And they all condemned

But Peter followed Him at a distance,

right into the courtyard of the high priest. Him to be deserving of death. And he sat with the servants and

warmed himself at the fire. 6 5Then some began to spit on Him, and

to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to

55Now the chief priests and all the

say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers

council sought testimony against Jesus struck Him with the palms of their hands.

to put Him to death, but found none. 6Now as Peter was below in the

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56For many bore false witness against

courtyard, one of the servant girls of the

Him, but their testimonies did not agree. high priest came.

5 67And when she saw Peter warming 7Then some rose up and bore false

witness against Him, saying, himself, she looked at him and said,

"You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

6 5 ' But he denied it, saying, "I neither But Jesus still answered nothing, so know nor understand what you are that Pilate marveled. saying." And he went out on the porch,

and a rooster crowed. 6Now at the feast he was accustomed to

releasing one prisoner to them,

6' And the servant girl saw him again, whomever they requested. and began to say to those who stood by,

"This is one of them." 7And there was one named Barabbas,

7 they had committed murder in the

0But he denied it again. And a little later who was chained with his fellow rebels;

those who stood by said to Peter again, rebellion. "Surely you are one of them; for you are

a Galilean, and your speech shows it." 8Then the multitude, crying aloud, began

to ask him to do just as he had always

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Then he began to curse and swear, "I done for them.

do not know this Man of whom you

speak!" 9But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do

you want me to release to you the King

72

A second time the rooster crowed. of the Jews?"

Then Peter called to mind the word that

Jesus had said to him, "Before the 10For he knew that the chief priests had rooster crows twice, you will deny Me handed Him over because of envy. three times." And when he thought

about it, he wept. 11But the chief priests stirred up the

crowd, so that he should rather release

Barabbas to them.

1 Immediately, in the morning, the

chief priests held a consultation with the 12

Pilate answered and said to them

elders and scribes and the whole again, "What then do you want me to do

council; and they bound Jesus, led Him with Him whom you call the King of the

away, and delivered Him to Pilate. Jews?"

21 3 Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!" King of the Jews?" He answered and

said to him, "It is as you say." 1 4Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what

3And the chief priests accused Him of evil has He done?" But they cried out all

the more, "Crucify Him!"

many things, but He answered nothing.

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So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd,

4Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, released Barabbas to them; and he

"Do You answer nothing? See how delivered Jesus, after he had scourged

many things they testify against You!" Him, to be crucified.

1 2 6Then the soldiers led Him away into 6And the inscription of His accusation the hall called Praetorium, and they was written above: THE KING OF THE

called together the whole garrison. JEWS.

And they clothed Him with purple; and with Him they also crucified two

they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on robbers, one on His right and the other

His head, on His left.

' and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of So the Scripture was fulfilled which

the Jews!" says, "And He was numbered with the

transgressors."

1 ' Then they struck Him on the head with

a reed and spat on Him; and bowing the 2 ' And those who passed by blasphemed knee, they worshiped Him. Him, wagging their heads and saying,

"Aha! You who destroy the temple and

20 And when they had mocked Him, they

build it in three days,

took the purple off Him, put His own

clothes on Him, and led Him out to save Yourself, and come down from crucify Him. the cross!"

2 3 11 Likewise the chief priests also,

Then they compelled a certain man,

Simon a Cyrenian, the father of mocking among themselves with the

Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming scribes, said, "He saved

others; Himself

out of the country and passing by, to He cannot save. bear His cross.

32

Let the Christ, the King of Israel,

22 And they brought Him to the place descend now from the cross,
that we

Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a may see and believe." Even
those who

Skull. were crucified with Him reviled Him.

23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with 33 Now when the sixth hour
had come,

myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. there was darkness over the
whole land

until the ninth hour.

24 And when they crucified Him, they

divided His garments, casting lots for 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus
cried out

them to determine what every man with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi,
Eloi,

should take. lama sabachthani?" which is translated,

"My God, My God, why have You

25 Now it was the third hour, and they

forsaken Me?"

crucified Him.

35

Some of those who stood by, when

they heard that, said, "Look, He is
calling for Elijah!"

3 4 6Then someone ran and filled a sponge 5So when he found out
from the full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and centurion, he granted
the body to

offered it to Him to drink, saying, "Let Joseph. Him alone; let us see if
Elijah will come

to take Him down." 4 6Then he bought fine linen, took Him

down, and wrapped Him in the linen.

37

And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, And he laid Him in a tomb
which had

and breathed His last. been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a

stone against the door of the tomb.

38Then the veil of the temple was torn in

two from top to bottom. 4 7And Mary Magdalene and Mary the

mother of Joses observed where He

39 was laid. So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that
He cried out like

this and breathed His last, he said,

"Truly this Man was the Son of God!" 1 6Now when the Sabbath
was past,

4 Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of 0There were also women
looking on

James, and Salome bought spices, that

from afar, among whom were Mary they might come and anoint Him.
Magdalene, Mary the mother of James

the Less and of Joses, and Salome, 2

Very early in the morning, on the first

4 day of the week, they came to the tomb 1 who also followed Him and ministered when the sun had risen.

to Him when He was in Galilee, and

many other women who came up with 3And they said among themselves,

Him to Jerusalem. "Who will roll away the stone from the

4 door of the tomb for us?"

2

Now when evening had come,

because it was the Preparation Day, 4 But when they looked up, they saw that that is, the day before the Sabbath, the stone had been rolled away--for it

4 was very large.

3

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent

council member, who was himself 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a waiting for the kingdom of God, coming young man clothed in a long white robe

and taking courage, went in to Pilate sitting on the right side; and they were

and asked for the body of Jesus. alarmed.

4 4 Pilate marveled that He was already 6 But he said to them, "Do not be dead; and summoning the centurion, he alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth,

asked him if He had been dead for who was crucified. He is risen! He is not

some time. here. See the place where they laid Him.

7But go, tell His disciples--and Peter-- their unbelief and hardness of heart,

that He is going before you into Galilee; because they did not believe those who

there you will see Him, as He said to had seen Him after He had risen. you."

1 5

And He said to them, "Go into all the

8So they went out quickly and fled from world and preach the gospel to every

the tomb, for they trembled and were creature. amazed. And they said nothing to

anyone, for they were afraid. 1 6He who believes and is baptized will

be saved; but he who does not believe

'Now when He rose early on the first will be condemned. day of the week, He appeared first to

Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had 1 7And these signs will follow those who cast seven demons. believe: In My name they will cast out

demons; they will speak with new

10

She went and told those who had tongues;

been with Him, as they mourned and

wept. 1 ' they will take up serpents; and if they

drink anything deadly, it will by no

11

And when they heard that He was means hurt them; they will lay hands on

alive and had been seen by her, they the sick, and they will recover." did not believe.

¹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to

¹²

After that, He appeared in another them, He was received up into heaven,

form to two of them as they walked and and sat down at the right hand of God.

went into the country.

² 0

And they went out and preached

¹³ And they went and told it to the rest, everywhere, the Lord working with them

but they did not believe them either. and confirming the word through the

accompanying signs. Amen.

¹⁴ Later He appeared to the eleven as

they sat at the table; and He rebuked

The Christ according to Apostle Matthew

¹1

Josiah begot Jeconiah and his

brothers about the time they were

¹ carried away to Babylon. The book of the genealogy of Jesus

Christ, the Son of David, the Son of ¹ ²And after they were brought to Abraham:

Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and

² Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot

Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his ¹ ³Zerubbabel begot Abiud, Abiud begot brothers.

Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

³Judah begot Perez and Zerah by ¹ ⁴Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot Achim, Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Achim begot Eliud. Hezron begot Ram.

¹ 5

⁴ Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Ram begot Amminadab, Amminadab

begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

Salmon. ¹ 6 And Jacob begot Joseph the husband ⁵ of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who

begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, is called Christ. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz

¹ 7

⁶ So all the generations from Abraham and Jesse begot David the king. David

the king begot Solomon by her who had to David are fourteen generations, from

been the wife of Uriah. David until the captivity in Babylon are

fourteen generations, and from the

⁷ captivity in Babylon until the Christ are

Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam fourteen generations.

begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

¹ 8

⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as

Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat

follows: After His mother Mary was

begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. betrothed to Joseph, before they came

together, she was found with child of the

'Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Holy Spirit. Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

¹ just man, and not wanting to make her a

OHezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh ¹ ' Then Joseph her husband, being a

begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. public example, was minded to

put her

away secretly.

²⁰But while he thought about these ³When Herod the king heard this, he

things, behold, an angel of the Lord was troubled, and all Jerusalem with

appeared to him in a dream, saying, him. "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid

to take to you Mary your wife, for that ⁴And when he had gathered all the chief which is conceived in her is of the Holy priests and scribes of the people

Spirit. together, he inquired of them where the

Christ was to be born.

²¹And she will bring forth a Son, and you

shall call His name JESUS, for He will ⁵So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of save His people from their sins." Judea, for thus it is written by the

prophet:

²²

So all this was done that it might be

fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord ⁶ But you, Bethlehem, in the land of through the prophet, saying: Judah, Are not the least among the

rulers of Judah; For out of you shall

²³ Behold, the virgin shall be with child, come a Ruler Who will shepherd My

and bear a Son, and they shall call His people Israel." name Immanuel," which is translated,

"God with us." ⁷Then Herod, when he had secretly

2 them what time the star appeared.

4Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord

commanded him and took to him his wife, said, "Go and search carefully for the

young Child, and when you have found

25 and did not know her till she had Him, bring back word to me, that

I may

brought forth her firstborn Son. And he come and worship Him also." called His name JESUS.

'When they heard the king, they

departed; and behold, the star which

2Now after Jesus was born in they had seen in the East went before

them, till it came and stood over where

Bethlehem of Judea in the days of

the young Child was.

Herod the king, behold, wise men from

the East came to Jerusalem, 1 0When they saw the star, they rejoiced 2 with exceedingly great joy.

saying, "Where is He who has been

born King of the Jews? For we have 11And when they had come into the seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." house, they saw the young Child with

Mary His mother, and fell down and

worshiped Him. And when they had

opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold,
frankincense, and ¹' Now when Herod was dead, behold, myrrh. an
angel of the Lord appeared in a

dream to Joseph in Egypt,

¹²

Then, being divinely warned in a ⁰saying, "Arise, take the young
Child

dream that they should not return to ²

Herod, they departed for their own and His mother, and go to the land
of

country another way. Israel, for those who sought the young

Child's life are dead."

¹³

Now when they had departed, behold, ¹Then he arose, took the
young Child

an angel of the Lord appeared to ²

Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take and His mother, and came into
the land

the young Child and His mother, flee to of Israel. Egypt, and stay there
until I bring you

word; for Herod will seek the young ² ²But when he heard that
Archelaus was Child to destroy Him." reigning over Judea instead of
his father

Herod, he was afraid to go there. And

¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young being warned by God in a
dream, he

Child and His mother by night and turned aside into the region of
Galilee.

departed for Egypt,

2 3And he came and dwelt in a city called

15and was there until the death of Herod,

Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which

that it might be fulfilled which was was spoken by the prophets, "He shall

spoken by the Lord through the prophet, be called a Nazarene."
saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was 3 In those days John the Baptist came

deceived by the wise men, was preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
exceedingly angry; and he sent forth

and put to death all the male children 2

and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of

who were in Bethlehem and in all its

heaven is at hand!"

districts, from two years old and under,

according to the time which he had 3For this is he who was spoken of
by the

determined from the wise men.

prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of

17 one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by

the way of the LORD; Make His paths

Jeremiah the prophet, saying: straight."

1" A voice was heard in Ramah,

4Now John himself was clothed in

Lamentation, weeping, and great camel's hair, with a leather belt
around mourning, Rachel weeping for her

his waist; and his food was locusts and
children, Refusing to be comforted,
wild honey.

Because they are no more."

5 14

Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the And John tried to prevent Him,
saying,

region around the Jordan went out to "I need to be baptized by You,
and are

him You coming to me?"

6 1 5

and were baptized by him in the Jordan, But Jesus answered and said
to him,

confessing their sins. "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is

fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

7 Then he allowed Him. But when he saw many of the

Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his 6When He had been baptized,
Jesus

baptism, he said to them, "Brood of 1

vipers! Who warned you to flee from the came up immediately from
the water;

wrath to come? and behold, the heavens were opened

to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God

"Therefore bear fruits worthy of descending like a dove and alighting
repentance, upon Him.

'and do not think to say to yourselves, And suddenly a voice came
from ¹7

"We have Abraham as our father.' For I heaven, saying, "This is My
beloved Son,

say to you that God is able to raise up in whom I am well pleased."
children to Abraham from these stones.

¹0And even now the ax is laid to the root

4Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit

of the trees. Therefore every tree which into the wilderness to be
tempted by the

does not bear good fruit is cut down and devil. thrown into the fire.

¹

¹ indeed baptize you with water unto ² And when He had fasted forty
days and

forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

repentance, but He who is coming after

me is mightier than I, whose sandals I ³Now when the tempter came
to Him, he

am not worthy to carry. He will baptize

said, "If You are the Son of God,

you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

command that these stones become

¹ bread." ²His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly
clean out His ⁴

But He answered and said, "It is written,
threshing floor, and gather His wheat
"Man shall not live by bread alone, but
into the barn; but He will burn up the
by every word that proceeds from the
chaff with unquenchable fire." mouth of God."

13Then Jesus came from Galilee to John

5Then the devil took Him up into the holy
at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

city, set Him on the pinnacle of the
temple, 6 1 and said to Him, "If You
are the Son of 6The people who sat
in darkness have God, throw
Yourself down. For it is seen a great
light, And upon those who

written: "He shall give His angels charge sat in the region and shadow
of death

over you,' and, "In their hands they shall Light has dawned." bear you
up, Lest you dash your foot

against a stone." 1 7From that time Jesus began to preach

and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of

7Jesus said to him, "It is written again, heaven is at hand."

"You shall not tempt the LORD your

God." 1 8And Jesus, walking by the Sea of

Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called

8Again, the devil took Him up on an Peter, and Andrew his brother,
casting a

exceedingly high mountain, and showed net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Him all the kingdoms of the world and

their glory. ¹ ' Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and

I will make you fishers of men."

'And he said to Him, "All these things I

will give You if You will fall down and ²0They immediately left their nets and worship me." followed Him.

¹ ² ¹ 0Then Jesus said to him, "Away with

Going on from there, He saw two other

you, Satan! For it is written, "You shall brothers, James the son of Zebedee,

worship the LORD your God, and Him and John his brother, in the boat with

only you shall serve.'" Zebedee their father, mending their nets.

He called them,

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Then the devil left Him, and behold,

angels came and ministered to Him. ² ²and immediately they left the boat and

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²Now when Jesus heard that John had their father, and followed Him.

been put in prison, He departed to ² ³And Jesus went about all Galilee, Galilee. teaching in their synagogues, preaching

¹ all kinds of sickness and all kinds of

3And leaving Nazareth, He came and the gospel of the kingdom, and healing

dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, disease among the people. in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

24

Then His fame went throughout all

14 hat it might be fulfilled which was

Syria; and they brought to Him all sick

spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: people who were afflicted with various

diseases and torments, and those who

15§ were demon-possessed, epileptics, and "Th

e land of Zebulun and the land of

Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond paralytics; and He healed them. the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

21 5Great multitudes followed Him--from 2Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, great is your reward in heaven, for so

Judea, and beyond the Jordan. they persecuted the prophets who were

before you.

1 3 You are the salt of the earth; but if the

5And seeing the multitudes, He went

salt loses its flavor, how shall it be

up on a mountain, and when He was

seasoned? It is then good for nothing

seated His disciples came to Him.

but to be thrown out and trampled

2 underfoot by men.

Then He opened His mouth and taught

them, saying: 14 'You are the light of the world. A city

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 1 5 Nor do they light a lamp and put it 4 under a basket, but on a lampstand, and

Blessed are those who mourn, For they it gives light to all who are in the house.

shall be comforted.

16 Let your light so shine before men,

5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall that they may see your good works and

inherit the earth. glorify your Father in heaven.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and 7 Do not think that I came to destroy the

1

thirst for righteousness, For they shall Law or the Prophets. I did not come to

be filled.

destroy but to fulfill.

7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall 8

1 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven

obtain mercy. and earth pass away, one jot or one

tittle will by no means pass from the law

'Blessed are the pure in heart, For they till all is fulfilled. shall see God.

1 ' Whoever therefore breaks one of the

'Blessed are the peacemakers, For they least of these commandments, and

shall be called sons of God. teaches men so, shall be called least in

the kingdom of heaven; but whoever

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted does and teaches them, he shall be

for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the called great in the kingdom of heaven.

kingdom of heaven.

2 0For I say to you, that unless your

1 1a Blessed are you when they revile and righteousness exceeds the persecute you, and say all kinds of evil righteousness of the scribes and

against you falsely for My sake. Pharisees, you will by no means enter

the kingdom of heaven.

21 'You have heard that it was said to

members perish, than for your whole

those of old, "You shall not murder, and body to be cast into hell. whoever murders will be in danger of

the judgment.' 30And if your right hand causes you to

sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is

22

But I say to you that whoever is angry more profitable for you that one of your

with his brother without a cause shall be members perish, than for your whole

in danger of the judgment. And whoever body to be cast into hell. says to his brother, "Raca!" shall be in

danger of the council. But whoever says, 3 1 'Furthermore it has been said, "You fool!" shall be in danger of hell fire. "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give

her a certificate of divorce.'

23Therefore if you bring your gift to the

altar, and there remember that your 32But I say to you that whoever divorces

brother has something against you, his wife for any reason except sexual

immorality causes her to commit

24 eave your gift there before the altar,

adultery; and whoever marries a woman

and go your way. First be reconciled to who is divorced commits adultery. your brother, and then come and offer

your gift. 33 'Again you have heard that it was said

to those of old, "You shall not swear

25Agree with your adversary quickly,

falsely, but shall perform your oaths to

while you are on the way with him, lest the Lord.' your adversary deliver you to the judge,

the judge hand you over to the officer, 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: and you be thrown into prison. neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;

26Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no

nor by the earth, for it is His footstool;

means get out of there till you have paid nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the

the last penny. great King.

27 You have heard that it was said to 36 Nor shall you swear by your head,

those of old, "You shall not commit because you cannot make one hair adultery.' white or black.

28 But I say to you that whoever looks at But let your "Yes' be "Yes,' and your

a woman to lust for her has already "No,' "No.' For whatever is more than

committed adultery with her in his heart. these is from the evil one.

2 3 9 your right eye causes you to sin, 8 You have heard that it was said, "An pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

more profitable for you that one of your

39 But I tell you not to resist an evil

person. But whoever slaps you on your 6 Take heed that you do not do your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

charitable deeds before men, to be seen

4 by them. Otherwise you have no reward 0 anyone wants to sue you and take

from your Father in heaven.

away your tunic, let him have your cloak

also. 2

Therefore, when you do a charitable

4 deed, do not sound a trumpet before 1 And whoever compels you to go one you as the hypocrites do in the

mile, go with him two. synagogues and in the streets, that they

may have glory from men. Assuredly, I

42Give to him who asks you, and from say to you, they have their reward. him who wants to borrow from you do

not turn away. 3But when you do a charitable deed, do

not let your left hand know what your

4 3 You have heard that it was said, "You right hand is doing, shall love your neighbor and hate your

enemy.' 4 that your charitable deed may be in

4 secret will Himself reward you openly.

4But I say to you, love your enemies, secret; and your Father who sees in

bless those who curse you, do good to

those who hate you, and pray for those 5 And when you pray, you shall not be who spitefully use you and persecute like the hypocrites. For they love to pray

you, standing in the synagogues and on the

corners of the streets, that they may be

45 hat you may be sons of your Father in seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you,

heaven; for He makes His sun rise on they have their reward. the evil
and on the good, and sends rain

on the just and on the unjust. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your
room, and when you have shut your

46For if you love those who love you,
door, pray to your Father who is in the

what reward have you? Do not even the secret place; and your Father
who sees

tax collectors do the same? in secret will reward you openly.

4 7 And if you greet your brethren only, And when you pray, do not
use vain what do you do more than others? Do repetitions as the
heathen do. For they

not even the tax collectors do so? think that they will be heard for
their

many words.

48Therefore you shall be perfect, just as
your Father in heaven is perfect. 8 Therefore do not be like them. For
your Father knows the things you have
need of before you ask Him.

'In this manner, therefore, pray: Our 2 0but lay up for yourselves
treasures in Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your heaven, where
neither moth nor rust

name. destroys and where thieves do not
break in and steal.

10

Your kingdom come. Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your
heart will be also.

11

Give us this day our daily bread.

24 The lamp of the body is the eye. If

12 therefore your eye is good, your whole

And forgive us our debts, As we

forgive our debtors. body will be full of light.

1 2 3 But if your eye is bad, your whole body 3 And do not lead us into
temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is will be full
of darkness. If therefore the

the kingdom and the power and the light that is in you is darkness,
how

glory forever. Amen. great is that darkness!

1 2 4 4 No one can serve two masters; for 'For if you forgive men their
trespasses, your heavenly Father will either he will hate the one and
love the

also forgive you. other, or else he will be loyal to the one

and despise the other. You cannot serve

15 But if you do not forgive men their

God and mammon.

trespasses, neither will your Father 254 Therefore I say to you, do not
worry forgive your trespasses.

about your life, what you will eat or what

16 Moreover, when you fast, do not be you will drink; nor about your body, what

you will put on. Is not life more than food

like the hypocrites, with a sad

countenance. For they disfigure their and the body more than clothing?

faces that they may appear to men to be 2 6 Look at the birds of the air, for they fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. neither sow nor reap nor gather into

barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds

17 them. Are you not of more value than But you, when you fast, anoint your

they?

head and wash your face,

27

1 Which of you by worrying can add one

' so that you do not appear to men to be

cubit to his stature?

fasting, but to your Father who is in the

secret place; and your Father who sees 2 8 So why do you worry about clothing? in secret will reward you openly.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they

1 grow: they neither toil nor spin; "

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures

on earth, where moth and rust destroy

and where thieves break in and steal;

25 and yet I say to you that even

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from

Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed your own eye, and then you will see

like one of these. clearly to remove the speck from your

brother's eye.

30

Now if God so clothes the grass of the

field, which today is, and tomorrow is 6 Do not give what is holy to the dogs; thrown into the oven, will He not much nor cast your pearls before swine, lest

more clothe you, O you of little faith? they trample them under their feet, and

turn and tear you in pieces.

31§Therefore do not worry, saying, "What

shall we eat?' or "What shall we drink?' 7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, or "What shall we wear?' and you will find; knock, and it will be

opened to you.

32For after all these things the Gentiles

seek. For your heavenly Father knows 'For everyone who asks receives, and

that you need all these things. he who seeks finds, and to him who

knocks it will be opened.

33But seek first the kingdom of God and

His righteousness, and all these things 9Or what man is there among

you who, shall be added to you. if his son asks for bread, will give him
a

stone?

34Therefore do not worry about

10

tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about Or if he asks for a fish, will
he give him

its own things. Sufficient for the day is a serpent? its own trouble.

1 1 you then, being evil, know how to

give good gifts to your children, how

7 much more will your Father who is in Judge not, that you be not
judged.

heaven give good things to those who

2 ask Him!

For with what judgment you judge, you

will be judged; and with the measure 1 2Therefore, whatever you want
men to you use, it will be measured back to you. do to you, do also to
them, for this is the

3And why do you look at the speck in Law and the Prophets.

your brother's eye, but do not consider 1 3 Enter by the narrow gate;
for wide is the plank in your own eye? the gate and broad is the way
that leads 4 to destruction, and there are many who

Or how can you say to your brother,

go in by it.

"Let me remove the speck from your

eye'; and look, a plank is in your own ¹⁴Because narrow is the gate
and eye? difficult is the way which leads to life,

and there are few who find it.

^{1 2 5} Beware of false prophets, who come ⁶ 'But everyone who hears
these

to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly sayings of Mine, and does not
do them,

they are ravenous wolves. will be like a foolish man who built his

house on the sand:

¹⁶

you will know them by their fruits. Do

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men gather grapes from thornbushes or and the rain descended, the
floods

figs from thistles? came, and the winds blew and beat on

that house; and it fell. And great was its

¹⁷ fall."

Even so, every good tree bears good

fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ⁸And so it was, when Jesus had
ended

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¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor

these sayings, that the people were

can a bad tree bear good fruit. astonished at His teaching,

¹ Every tree that does not bear good

'2' for He taught them as one having

fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. authority, and not as the scribes.

20Therefore by their fruits you will know

them. 8 When He had come down from the

mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 1 Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord,

Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, 2 And behold, a leper came and but he who does the will of My Father in worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are

heaven. willing, You can make me clean."

22Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, 3Then Jesus put out His hand and

Lord, have we not prophesied in Your touched him, saying, "I am willing; be

name, cast out demons in Your name, cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was

and done many wonders in Your name?' cleansed.

2 4 3And then I will declare to them, "I

And Jesus said to him, "See that you

never knew you; depart from Me, you tell no one; but go your way, show

who practice lawlessness!' yourself to the priest, and offer the gift

that Moses commanded, as a testimony

24§Therefore to them." whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does

them, I will

likened him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him,

pleading with Him,

25

and the rain descended, the floods

came, and the winds blew and beat on the house, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at that house; and it did not fall, for it was well founded, dreadfully tormented."

founded on the rock.

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and possess it. And He cast out the spirits

heal him." with a word, and healed all who were

sick,

8 The centurion answered and said,

1 7

"Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I know that You are able to do all things."

come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I know that You are able to do all things."

word, and my servant will be healed. "He Himself took our infirmities And bore

our sicknesses."

'For I also am a man under authority, And when Jesus saw great multitudes

having soldiers under me. And I say to the

this one, "Go," and he goes; and to that one, "Come," and he comes. And He gave a command to

another, "Come," and he comes; and to depart to the other side. my servant, "Do this," and he does it."

1 ' Then a certain scribe came and said to

10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled,

Him, "Teacher, I will follow You

and said to those who followed, wherever You go."

"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not

found such great faith, not even in 20 And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have Israel! holes and birds of the air have nests,

but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay

11 And I say to you that many will come His head." from east and west, and sit down with

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the 2 1 Then another of His disciples said to kingdom of heaven. Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my

father."

12

But the sons of the kingdom will be
cast out into outer darkness. There will 2 2

But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and
be weeping and gnashing of teeth." let the dead bury their own dead."

1 2 3 Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go 3 Now when He got into a boat, His your way; and as you have believed, so disciples followed Him. let it be done for you." And his servant

was healed that same hour. 2 4 And suddenly a great tempest arose

1 on the sea, so that the boat was 4 Now when Jesus had come into covered with the waves. But He was Peter's house, He saw his wife's

mother asleep.

lying sick with a fever.

2 5Then His disciples came to Him and

15So He touched her hand, and the fever

awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We

left her. And she arose and served them. are perishing!"

1 2 6When evening had come, they brought 6But He said to them,
"Why are you to Him many who were demon- fearful, O you of little
faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the

sea, and there was a great calm. 9So He got into a boat, crossed over,

2 and came to His own city. 7 So the men marveled, saying, "Who

can this be, that even the winds and the 2Then behold, they brought to
Him a sea obey Him?" paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus

2 saw their faith, He said to the paralytic,

' When He had come to the other side, "Son, be of good cheer; your
sins are

to the country of the Gergesenes, there forgiven you." met Him two
demon-possessed men,

coming out of the tombs, exceedingly 3And at once some of the
scribes said

fierce, so that no one could pass that

within themselves, "This Man

way.

blasphemes!"

2' And suddenly they cried out, saying,

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said,

"What have we to do with You, Jesus, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?

You Son of God? Have You come here

to torment us before the time?" 5For which is easier, to say, "Your sins

30Now a good way off from them there are forgiven you,' or to say, "Arise and

walk'?

was a herd of many swine feeding.

31 6 But that you may know that the Son of

So the demons begged Him, saying,

Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-

"If You cast us out, permit us to go away

-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise,

into the herd of swine."

take up your bed, and go to your

32 house." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the 7

And he arose and departed to his

herd of swine. And suddenly the whole

house.

herd of swine ran violently down the

steep place into the sea, and perished in 8Now when the multitudes saw it, they the water.

marveled and glorified God, who had

33 Then those who kept them fled; and given such power to men.

everything, 'As Jesus passed on from there, He including they went away into the city and told

what had

happened to the demon-possessed men. saw a man named Matthew sitting at the

tax office. And He said to him, "Follow

34 And behold, the whole city came out to Me." So he arose and followed Him.

meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, ¹ 0 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the they begged Him to depart from their

region. table in the house, that behold, many

tax collectors and sinners came and sat

down with Him and His disciples.

¹ ¹ 1

And when the Pharisees saw it, they ' So Jesus arose and followed him, and

said to His disciples, "Why does your so did His disciples. Teacher eat with tax collectors and

sinners?" ² 0 And suddenly, a woman who had a

flow of blood for twelve years came from

¹ 2

When Jesus heard that, He said to behind and touched the hem of His

them, "Those who are well have no garment. need of a physician, but those who are

sick. 2 1For she said to herself, "If only I may

1 well."

3But go and learn what this means: "I touch His garment, I shall be made

desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did

not come to call the righteous, but 2 2But Jesus turned around, and when sinners, to repentance." He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer,

daughter; your faith has made you well."

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Then the disciples of John came to And the woman was made well from

Him, saying, "Why do we and the that hour. Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples

do not fast?" 2 3When Jesus came into the ruler's

1 noisy crowd wailing,

5And Jesus said to them, "Can the house, and saw the flute players and the

friends of the bridegroom mourn as long

as the bridegroom is with them? But the 2 4He said to them, "Make room, for the days will come when the bridegroom will girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they

be taken away from them, and then they ridiculed Him. will fast.

2 5

1 But when the crowd was put outside, 6No one puts a piece of unshrunk cloth

He went in and took her by the hand,

on an old garment; for the patch pulls and the girl arose. away from the garment, and the tear is

made worse. ² 6And the report of this went out into all

¹ that land. 7 Nor do they put new wine into old

wineskins, or else the wineskins break, ² 7When Jesus departed from there, two the wine is spilled, and the wineskins

blind men followed Him, crying out and
are ruined. But they put new wine into

saying, "Son of David, have mercy on
new wineskins, and both are preserved."

us!"

¹8While He spoke these things to them, ⁸And when He had come into the house,

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behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him,

the blind men came to Him. And Jesus
saying, "My daughter has just died, but

said to them, "Do you believe that I am
come and lay Your hand on her and she

able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes,
will live."

Lord."

²9Then He touched their eyes, saying,

"According to your faith let it be to you." ¹ OAnd when He had called His

30And their eyes were opened. And twelve disciples to Him, He gave them

power over unclean spirits, to cast them

Jesus sternly warned them, saying, out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and

"See that no one knows it." all kinds of disease.

31 ² But when they had departed, they Now the names of the twelve apostles spread the news about Him in all that are these: first, Simon, who is called

country. Peter, and Andrew his brother; James

the son of Zebedee, and John his

32As they went out, behold, they brought brother; to Him a man, mute and demon-

possessed. 3Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and

33And when the demon was cast out, the Matthew the tax collector; James the

son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose

mute spoke. And the multitudes surname was Thaddaeus; marveled, saying, "It was never seen

like this in Israel!" 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot,

who also betrayed Him.

34But the Pharisees said, "He casts out

demons by the ruler of the demons." 5These twelve Jesus sent out and

commanded them, saying: "Do not go

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities

into the way of the Gentiles, and do not

and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of

the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, and had no shepherd, saying, "The

kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

He went about healing all their diseases.

37 And as you go, preach,

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise

like sheep having no shepherd.

the dead, cast out demons. Freely you

have received, freely give.

7

Then He said to His disciples, "The

harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Provide neither gold nor silver nor

clothing, nor sandals, nor money belts,

38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. "nor bag for your journey, nor two

to send out laborers into His harvest." tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; for a

worker is worthy of his food.

11 Now whatever city or town you enter,

children will rise up against parents and

inquire who in it is worthy, and stay cause them to be put to death.
there till you go out.

2 2

And you will be hated by all for My

12 And when you go into a household, name's sake. But he who
endures to the

greet it. end will be saved.

1 2 3 the household is worthy, let your 3

When they persecute you in this city,

peace come upon it. But if it is not flee to another. For assuredly, I say
to

worthy, let your peace return to you. you, you will not have gone
through the

cities of Israel before the Son of Man

14 And whoever will not receive you nor

comes.

hear your words, when you depart from

that house or city, shake off the dust ' 244

A disciple is not above his teacher,

from your feet. nor a servant above his master.

1 2 5 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more

It is enough for a disciple that he be
tolerable for the land of Sodom and like his teacher, and a servant like
his

Gomorraah in the day of judgment than master. If they have called the
master of

for that city! the house Beelzebub, how much more

will they call those of his household!

¹⁶ Behold, I send you out as sheep in

the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise ² ⁶Therefore do not fear them.
For there as serpents and harmless as doves. is nothing covered that
will not be

revealed, and hidden that will not be

¹⁷ known.

But beware of men, for they will deliver

you up to councils and scourge you in

their synagogues. ²⁷⁴ Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak

in the light; and what you hear in the ear,

¹ preach on the housetops. ' You will be brought before governors and
kings for My sake, as a testimony to

them and to the Gentiles. ² ' And do not fear those who kill the body

but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear

¹ Him who is able to destroy both soul ' But when they deliver you up,
do not

worry about how or what you should and body in hell. speak. For
it will be given to you in that

hour what you should speak; ² ' Are not two sparrows sold for a copper

coin? And not one of them falls to the

20F ground apart from your Father's will.

or it is not you who speak, but the

Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

30But the very hairs of your head are all

21 Now brother will deliver up brother to numbered. death, and a
father his child; and 31Do not fear therefore; you are of more
righteous man shall receive a righteous

value than many sparrows. man's reward.

3 4 2 2§Therefore whoever confesses Me

And whoever gives one of these little

before men, him I will also confess ones only a cup of cold water in
the

before My Father who is in heaven. name of a disciple, assuredly, I say
to

you, he shall by no means lose his

33 reward." But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny
before My Father

who is in heaven.

1 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus

34 Do not think that I came to bring

finished commanding His twelve

peace on earth. I did not come to bring disciples, that He departed
from there to

peace but a sword. teach and to preach in their cities.

35For I have come to "set a man against 2 And when John had heard in prison his father, a daughter against her about the works of Christ, he sent two of

mother, and a daughter-in-law against his disciples her mother-in-law';

36 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming h

and "a man's enemies will be those of One, or do we look for another?"

his own household.'

37He who loves father or mother more 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go

and tell John the things which you hear

than Me is not worthy of Me. And he and see: who loves son or daughter more than

Me is not worthy of Me. 5The blind see and the lame walk; the

3' And he who does not take his cross lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear;

the dead are raised up and the poor

and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. have the gospel preached to them.

39He who finds his life will lose it, and he OAnd blessed is he who is not offended

who loses his life for My sake will find it. because of Me."

47 0 He who receives you receives Me,

As they departed, Jesus began to say

and he who receives Me receives Him to the multitudes concerning
John:

who sent Me. "What did you go out into the wilderness

to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

41

He who receives a prophet in the

name of a prophet shall receive a sBut what did you go out to see? A
man prophet's reward. And he who receives clothed in soft garments?
Indeed, those

a righteous man in the name of a who wear soft clothing are in kings'
houses.

'But what did you go out to see? A and a winebibber, a friend of tax
prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more collectors and sinners!' But
wisdom is

than a prophet. justified by her children."

1 2 00

For this is he of whom it is written: Then He began to rebuke the
cities in

"Behold, I send My messenger before which most of His mighty works
had

Your face, Who will prepare Your way been done, because they did
not repent:

before You.'

2 1 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you,

1 1 'Assuredly, I say to you, among those Bethsaida! For if the mighty
works which

born of women there has not risen one were done in you had been
done in Tyre

greater than John the Baptist; but he and Sidon, they would have repented

who is least in the kingdom of heaven is long ago in sackcloth and ashes. greater than he.

22

But I say to you, it will be more

12

And from the days of John the Baptist tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day

until now the kingdom of heaven suffers of judgment than for you. violence, and the violent take it by force.

2 3And you, Capernaum, who are exalted

13For all the prophets and the law

to heaven, will be brought down to

prophesied until John. Hades; for if the mighty works which

were done in you had been done in

14 Sodom, it would have remained until this

And if you are willing to receive it, he is

Elijah who is to come. day.

1 2 4 5But I say to you that it shall be more He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

tolerable for the land of Sodom in the

16 But to what shall I liken this day of judgment than for you."

generation? It is like children sitting in 2 5At that time Jesus answered and said, the marketplaces and calling to their companions, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven

and earth, that You have hidden these

17 things from the wise and prudent and

and saying: "We played the flute for

have revealed them to babes.

you, And you did not dance; We

mourned to you, And you did not 26Even so, Father, for so it seemed
good lament.'

in Your sight.

18For John came neither eating nor

drinking, and they say, "He has a All things have been delivered to Me
2 7

demon.' by My Father, and no one knows the

Son except the Father. Nor does

1 anyone know the Father except the Son, ' The Son of Man came
eating and

drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and the one to whom the Son
wills to 7But if you had known what this means, reveal Him. "I desire
mercy and not sacrifice,' you

would not have condemned the guiltless.

2 ' Come to Me, all you who labor and are

heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord
even of the

Sabbath."

2' Take My yoke upon you and learn

from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in 'Now when He had departed
from there, heart, and you will find rest for your He went into their
synagogue. souls.

10And behold, there was a man who had

30For My yoke is easy and My burden is a withered hand. And they asked Him,

light." saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the

Sabbath?"--that they might accuse Him.

1 Then He said to them, "What man is 1 1

2At that time Jesus went through

the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His there among you who has one sheep,

disciples were hungry, and began to and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath,

pluck heads of grain and to eat. will not lay hold of it and lift it out?

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2 Of how much more value then is a And when the Pharisees saw it, they

said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful

doing what is not lawful to do on the to do good on the Sabbath."

Sabbath!" 1 3Then He said to the man, "Stretch out

3But He said to them, "Have you not your hand." And he stretched it out, and

read what David did when he was it was restored as whole as the other.

hungry, he and those who were with

him: Then the Pharisees went out and 14

plotted against Him, how they might

4 destroy Him. how he entered the house of God and ate the
showbread which was not lawful

for him to eat, nor for those who were But when Jesus knew it, He
withdrew 1 5

with him, but only for the priests? from there. And great multitudes
followed Him, and He healed them all.

5Or have you not read in the law that on 6 et He warned them not to
make Him

the Sabbath the priests in the temple 1

profane known, the Sabbath, and are

blameless?

1 7

that it might be fulfilled which was

6Yet I say to you that in this place there spoken by Isaiah the prophet,
saying:

is One greater than the temple.

1 2 " Behold! My Servant whom I have 8But if I cast out demons by the
Spirit of chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is God, surely the
kingdom of God has

well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon come upon you. Him, And He
will declare justice to the

Gentiles. 2 ' Or how can one enter a strong man's

house and plunder his goods, unless he

1 ' He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will first binds the strong man?
And then he

anyone hear His voice in the streets. will plunder his house.

20A bruised reed He will not break, And 30He who is not with Me is against Me,

smoking flax He will not quench, Till He and he who does not gather with Me

sends forth justice to victory; scatters abroad.

23 1And in His name Gentiles will trust." Therefore 14

I say to you, every sin and

blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the

22 blasphemy against the Spirit will not be

Then one was brought to Him who

was demon-possessed, blind and mute; forgiven men. and He healed him, so that the blind and

mute man both spoke and saw. 32Anyone who speaks a word against

the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him;

23And all the multitudes were amazed

but whoever speaks against the Holy

and said, "Could this be the Son of Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in

David?" this age or in the age to come.

2 334§ 4 Either make the tree good and its fruit Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out good, or else make the tree bad and its

demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

of the demons."

34Brood of vipers! How can you, being

25But Jesus knew their thoughts, and

evil, speak good things? For out of the

said to them: "Every kingdom divided abundance of the heart the
mouth

against itself is brought to desolation, speaks. and every city or house
divided against

itself will not stand. 35A good man out of the good treasure

of his heart brings forth good things, and

26 Satan casts out Satan, he is divided an evil man out of the evil
treasure

against himself. How then will his brings forth evil things.

kingdom stand? 36But I say to you that for every idle

27And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub,

word men may speak, they will give

by whom do your sons cast them out? account of it in the day of
judgment. Therefore they shall be your judges.

37For by your words you will be justified, himself, and they enter and
dwell there;

and by your words you will be and the last state of that man is worse
condemned." than the first. So shall it also be with this

wicked generation."

3' Then some of the scribes and 6 4 Pharisees answered, saying,
"Teacher, While He was still talking to the we want to see a sign from
You." multitudes, behold, His mother and

brothers stood outside, seeking to speak

3 with Him. ' But He answered and said to them,

"An evil and adulterous generation 7Then one said to Him, "Look,
Your

seeks after a sign, and no sign will be 4

given to it except the sign of the prophet mother and Your brothers
are standing

Jonah. outside, seeking to speak with You."

4 4 0For as Jonah was three days and

' But He answered and said to the one

three nights in the belly of the great fish, who told Him, "Who is My
mother and

so will the Son of Man be three days who are My brothers?" and three
nights in the heart of the earth.

4 ' And He stretched out His hand toward

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The men of Nineveh will rise up in the His disciples and said, "Here
are My

judgment with this generation and mother and My brothers! condemn
it, because they repented at

the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a 50For whoever does the will of
My Father greater than Jonah is here. in heaven is My brother and
sister and

mother."

4 2

The queen of the South will rise up in

the judgment with this generation and

condemn it, for she came from the ends 1 3 On the same day Jesus went out of the earth to hear the wisdom of

Solomon; and indeed a greater than of the house and sat by the sea.

Solomon is here. 2 And great multitudes were gathered

43a When an unclean spirit goes out of a together to Him, so that He got into a

man, he goes through dry places, boat and sat; and the whole multitude

stood on the shore.

seeking rest, and finds none.

44 3 Then He spoke many things to them in

Then he says, "I will return to my

house from which I came.' And when he parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went

comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put out to sow.

in order. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by

45 Then he goes and takes with him

the wayside; and the birds came and

devoured them.

seven other spirits more wicked than 5 1 Some fell on stony places, where they 5 For the hearts of this people have did not have much earth; and they grown dull. Their ears are hard of

immediately sprang up because they hearing, And their eyes they have

had no depth of earth. closed, Lest they should see with their
eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they
6 should understand with their hearts and But when the sun was up
they were
scorched, and because they had no root turn, So that I should heal
them.'

they withered away. 6But blessed are your eyes for they see,

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7 and your ears for they hear; And some fell among thorns, and the
thorns sprang up and choked them.

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or assuredly, I say to you that many

'But others fell on good ground and prophets and righteous men
desired to

yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, see what you see, and did not see
it,

some sixty, some thirty. and to hear what you hear, and did not

hear it.

'He who has ears to hear, let him hear!' 184"Therefore hear the parable
of the

10And the disciples came and said to

sower:

Him, "Why do You speak to them in 1' When anyone hears the word of
the parables?"

kingdom, and does not understand it,

11 then the wicked one comes and

He answered and said to them,

"Because it has been given to you to snatch away what was sown in his

heart. This is he who received seed by

know the mysteries of the kingdom of

the wayside.

heaven, but to them it has not been

given. 2 0But he who received the seed on stony 12 places, this is he who hears the word

For whoever has, to him more will be

and immediately receives it with joy;

given, and he will have abundance; but

whoever does not have, even what he 2 1y et he has no root in himself, but has will be taken away from him.

endures only for a while. For when

1 tribulation or persecution arises because 3Therefore I speak to them in parables,

of the word, immediately he stumbles.

because seeing they do not see, and

hearing they do not hear, nor do they 2 2Now he who received seed among the understand.

thorns is he who hears the word, and

14And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is

the cares of this world and the

deceitfulness of riches choke the word,

fulfilled, which says: "Hearing you will

and he becomes unfruitful.

hear and shall not understand, And

seeing you will see and not perceive;

²³But he who received seed on the good ³²which indeed is the least of all the

ground is he who hears the word and seeds; but when it is grown it is greater

understands it, who indeed bears fruit than the herbs and becomes a tree, so

and produces: some a hundredfold, that the birds of the air come and nest in

some sixty, some thirty." its branches."

²⁴Another parable He put forth to them, ³³Another parable He spoke to them:

saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven,

man who sowed good seed in his field; which a woman took and hid in three

measures of meal till it was all

²⁵ leavened."

but while men slept, his enemy came

and sowed tares among the wheat and

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went his way. All these things Jesus spoke to the

multitude in parables; and without a

26But when the grain had sprouted and

parable He did not speak to them,

produced a crop, then the tares also

35

appeared. that it might be fulfilled which was

spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will

27 open My mouth in parables; I will utter

So the servants of the owner came

and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow things kept secret from the foundation of

good seed in your field? How then does the world." it have tares?"

3 6Then Jesus sent the multitude away

2 and went into the house. And His ' He said to them, "An enemy has done

this.' The disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain servants said to him, "Do you

want us then to go and gather them to us the parable of the tares of the up?"

field."

2 ' But he said, "No, lest while you gather 37He answered and said to them: "He

up the tares you also uproot the wheat

with them. who sows the good seed is the Son of

Man.

30Let both grow together until the 38The field is the world, the good

seeds harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers,
"First gather together are the sons of the kingdom, but the

the tares and bind them in bundles to tares are the sons of the wicked
one.

burn them, but gather the wheat into my

barn. '3' The enemy who sowed them is the

devil, the harvest is the end of the age,

31Another parable He put forth to them, and the reapers are the
angels. saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a

mustard seed, which a man took and 4 0Therefore as the tares are
gathered sowed in his field, and burned in the fire, so it will be at the

end of this age.

4 5 11

The Son of Man will send out His Jesus said to them, "Have you
angels, and they will gather out of His understood all these things?"
They said

kingdom all things that offend, and those to Him, "Yes, Lord." who
practice lawlessness,

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Then He said to them, "Therefore

4 2

and will cast them into the furnace of every scribe instructed
concerning the

fire. There will be wailing and gnashing kingdom of heaven is like a
householder

of teeth. who brings out of his treasure things

new and old."

43Then the righteous will shine forth as

the sun in the kingdom of their Father. ⁵³Now it came to pass, when Jesus had He who has ears to hear, let him hear! finished these parables, that He

departed from there.

⁴⁴ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like

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treasure hidden in a field, which a man When He had come to His own

found and hid; and for joy over it he country, He taught them in their goes and sells all that he has and buys synagogue, so that they were that field. astonished and said, "Where did this

Man get this wisdom and these mighty

⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a works? merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

⁵⁵ s this not the carpenter's son? Is not

⁴⁶ His mother called Mary? And His

who, when he had found one pearl of

great price, went and sold all that he brothers James, Joses, Simon, and

had and bought it. Judas?

⁴ ⁵⁶And His sisters, are they not all with ⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and us? Where then did this Man get all

gathered some of every kind, these things?"

⁴ ⁵⁷ ⁸which, when it was full, they drew to

So they were offended at Him. But

shore; and they sat down and gathered Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not

the good into vessels, but threw the bad without honor except in his own country

away. and in his own house."

45 ' So it will be at the end of the age. The ' Now He did not do many mighty works angels will come forth, separate the there because of their unbelief. wicked from among the just,

50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. 1 4At that time Herod the tetrarch

There will be wailing and gnashing of heard the report about Jesus teeth."

21 and said to his servants, "This is John 3When Jesus heard it, He departed the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, from there by boat to a deserted place

and therefore these powers are at work by Himself. But when the multitudes

in him." heard it, they followed Him on foot from

the cities.

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For Herod had laid hold of John and

1 4

bound him, and put him in prison for the And when Jesus went out He saw a

sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's great multitude; and He was moved with

wife. compassion for them, and healed their

sick.

⁴Because John had said to him, "It is not ⁵When it was evening, His disciples

lawful for you to have her." ¹

came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted

⁵ place, and the hour is already late. Send And although he wanted to put him to

death, he feared the multitude, because the multitudes away, that they may go

they counted him as a prophet. into the villages and buy themselves

food."

⁶But when Herod's birthday was

celebrated, the daughter of Herodias But Jesus said to them, "They do not ¹⁶

danced before them and pleased Herod. need to go away. You give them

something to eat."

⁷Therefore he promised with an oath to ⁷And they said to Him, "We have here

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give her whatever she might ask.

only five loaves and two fish."

mother, said, "Give me John the So she, having been prompted by her ¹ ⁸He said, "Bring them here to Me." Baptist's head here on a platter."

¹ ' Then He commanded the multitudes to

'And the king was sorry; nevertheless, sit down on the grass. And He took the

because of the oaths and because of five loaves and the two fish, and looking

those who sat with him, he commanded up to heaven, He blessed and broke

it to be given to her. and gave the loaves to the disciples;

and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

10 So he sent and had John beheaded in 2

prison. So they all ate and were filled, and 0

they took up twelve baskets full of the

11 fragments that remained.

And his head was brought on a platter

and given to the girl, and she brought it 2 1Now those who had eaten were about to her mother.

five thousand men, besides women and

12Then his disciples came and took

children.

away the body and buried it, and went

and told Jesus.

22 mediately Jesus made His disciples 32And when they got into the boat, the

get into the boat and go before Him to wind ceased. the other side, while He sent the

multitudes away. 33Then those who were in the boat came

and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You

And when He had sent the multitudes are the Son of God."

away, He went up on the mountain by

Himself to pray. Now when evening ³ 4When they had crossed over, they came, He was alone there. came to the land of Gennesaret.

²⁴But the boat was now in the middle of ⁵And when the men of that place

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the sea, tossed by the waves, for the recognized Him, they sent out into all

wind was contrary. that surrounding region, brought to Him

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⁵Now in the fourth watch of the night all who were sick,

Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ³⁶ and begged Him that they might only

² many as touched it were made perfectly

⁶And when the disciples saw Him touch the hem of His garment. And as

walking on the sea, they were troubled, well. saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out

for fear.

² ¹ ⁵Then the scribes and Pharisees ⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, who were from Jerusalem came to saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not Jesus, saying, be afraid."

² Why do Your disciples transgress the

2 ' And Peter answered Him and said,

tradition of the elders? For they do not

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come wash their hands when they eat bread."

to You on the water."

had come down out of the boat, he ' So He said, "Come." And when Peter do you also transgress the 2 3He answered and said to them, "Why

commandment of God because of your

walked on the water to go to Jesus.

tradition?

30But when he saw that the wind was 4 For God commanded, saying, "Honor boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning your father and your mother"; and, "He to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save who curses father or mother, let him be me!" put to death.'

31And immediately Jesus stretched out 5But you say, "Whoever says to his His hand and caught him, and said to father or mother, "Whatever profit you him, "0 you of little faith, why did you might have received from me is a gift to doubt?" God"--6 17

then he need not honor his father or Do you not yet understand that

mother.' Thus you have made the whatever enters the mouth goes into the

commandment of God of no effect by stomach and is eliminated? your tradition.

⁷Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy the mouth come from the heart,
and

about you, saying: they defile a man.

^{8 1} These people draw near to Me with ' For out of the heart proceed
evil their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, thoughts, murders,
adulteries, But their heart is far from Me. fornications, thefts, false
witness,

blasphemies.

'And in vain they worship Me, Teaching ⁰These are the things which
defile a

as doctrines the commandments of ²

men.' man, but to eat with unwashed hands

does not defile a man."

¹⁰When He had called the multitude to

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Himself, He said to them, "Hear and Then Jesus went out from there
and

understand: departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

^{1 2 12}

Not what goes into the mouth defiles a And behold, a woman of
Canaan

man; but what comes out of the mouth, came from that region and
cried out to

this defiles a man." Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O

Lord, Son of David! My daughter is

¹² severely demon-possessed."

Then His disciples came and said to
Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees

2 3

were offended when they heard this But He answered her not a word.
And

saying?" His disciples came and urged Him,

saying, "Send her away, for she cries

13But He answered and said, "Every

out after us."

plant which My heavenly Father has not 4But He answered and said,
"I was not

planted will be uprooted. 2

sent except to the lost sheep of the

14Let them alone. They are blind leaders

house of Israel."

of the blind. And if the blind leads the 5Then she came and worshiped
Him,

blind, both will fall into a ditch." 2

saying, "Lord, help me!"

15Then Peter answered and said to Him,

"Explain this parable to us." 2 6But He answered and said, "It is not

good to take the children's bread and

16 throw it to the little dogs."

So Jesus said, "Are you also still

without understanding?

27 35 So He commanded the multitude to sit

And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the
little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from down on the ground. their
masters' table."

36 And He took the seven loaves and the

2 ' Then Jesus answered and said to her, fish and gave thanks, broke
them and

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be gave them to His disciples;
and the

to you as you desire." And her daughter disciples gave to the
multitude. was healed from that very hour.

37

So they all ate and were filled, and

2 ' Jesus departed from there, skirted the they took up seven large
baskets full of

Sea of Galilee, and went up on the the fragments that were left.
mountain and sat down there.

3' Now those who ate were four

30 Then great multitudes came to Him,

thousand men, besides women and

having with them the lame, blind, mute, children. maimed, and
many others; and they laid

them down at Jesus' feet, and He 3' And He sent away the multitude,
got

healed them. into the boat, and came to the region of

Magdala.

31 So the multitude marveled when they

saw the mute speaking, the maimed

made whole, the lame walking, and the 1 6Then the
Pharisees and blind seeing; and they glorified the God

Sadducees came, and testing Him
of Israel.

asked that He would show them a sign
32 from heaven. Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I
have compassion 2

on the multitude, because they have He answered and said to them,
"When

it is evening you say, "It will be fair
now continued with Me three days and
have nothing to eat. And I do not want to weather, for the sky is red';

send them away hungry, lest they faint hand in the morning, "It will
be foul

on the way."

weather today, for the sky is red and

33Then His disciples said to Him, "Where threatening.' Hypocrites!
You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you could we get
enough bread in the cannot discern the signs of the times. wilderness
to fill such a great

multitude?" 4 A wicked and adulterous generation

34 seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be Jesus said to them, "How
many loaves given to it except the sign of the prophet do you have?"

And they said, "Seven, Jonah." And He left them and departed. and a few little fish." 5 14

Now when His disciples had come to So they said, "Some say John the the other side, they had forgotten to take Baptist, some Elijah, and others bread. Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

6 1 5

Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed He said to them, "But who do you say and beware of the leaven of the that I am?" Pharisees and the Sadducees."

1 6

Simon Peter answered and said, "You

7And they reasoned among themselves, are the Christ, the Son of the living

saying, "It is because we have taken no God." bread."

1 7

Jesus answered and said to him,

'But Jesus, being aware of it, said to "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for

them, "O you of little faith, why do you flesh and blood has not revealed this to

reason among yourselves because you you, but My Father who is in heaven.

have brought no bread?

1 ' And I also say to you that you are

'Do you not yet understand, or Peter, and on this rock I will build My

remember the five loaves of the five church, and the gates of Hades shall not

thousand and how many baskets you prevail against it. took up?

¹ And I will give you the keys of the

¹⁰

Nor the seven loaves of the four kingdom of heaven, and whatever you

thousand and how many large baskets bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

you took up? and whatever you loose on earth will be

loosed in heaven."

¹¹

How is it you do not understand that I

² 0

did not speak to you concerning bread?- Then He commanded His disciples

-but to beware of the leaven of the that they should tell no one that He was

Pharisees and Sadducees." Jesus the Christ.

¹ ² Then they understood that He did not ¹ From that time Jesus began to show to tell them to beware of the leaven of His disciples that He must go to

bread, but of the doctrine of the Jerusalem, and suffer many things from

Pharisees and Sadducees. the elders and chief priests and scribes,

and be killed, and be raised the third

¹³ When Jesus came into the region of

day.

Caesarea Philippi, He asked His

disciples, saying, "Who do men say that 2 2

Then Peter took Him aside and began

I, the Son of Man, am?" to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from

You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

2 4 3But He turned and said to Peter, "Get

Then Peter answered and said to Jesus,

behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You

Me, for you are not mindful of the things wish, let us make here three of God, but the things of men." tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses,

and one for Elijah."

24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If

anyone desires to come after Me, let 5While he was still speaking, behold, a him deny himself, and take up his cross, bright cloud overshadowed them; and

and follow Me. suddenly a voice came out of the cloud,

saying, "This is My beloved Son, in

25For whoever desires to save his life

whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

will lose it, but whoever loses his life for OAnd when the disciples heard it, they

My sake will find it.

fell on their faces and were greatly

26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains

afraid.

the whole world, and loses his own

soul? Or what will a man give in 7 But Jesus came and touched them and exchange for his soul? said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

2 8 7 When they had lifted up their eyes, they For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and saw no one but Jesus only. then He will reward each according to

his works. 9 Now as they came down from the

mountain, Jesus commanded them,

2 saying, "Tell the vision to no one until ' Assured Iy, I say to you, there are

some standing here who shall not taste the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

death till they see the Son of Man

coming in His kingdom." 1 0

And His disciples asked Him, saying,

"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah

must come first?"

1 7 Now after six days Jesus took

Peter, James, and John his brother, led Jesus answered and said to them, 1 1

them up on a high mountain by "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will themselves; restore all things.

2 But I say to you that Elijah has come and He was transfigured before them.

His face shone like the sun, and His already, and they did not know him but

clothes became as white as the light. did to him whatever they wished.

Likewise the Son of Man is also about to

OAnd behold, Moses and Elijah suffer at their hands."

appeared to them, talking with Him. 13Then the disciples understood that He

spoke to them of John the Baptist.

1 2 44

And when they had come to the When they had come to Capernaum,

multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling those who received the temple tax came

down to Him and saying, to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher

not pay the temple tax?"

1 5 'Lord,

have mercy on my son, for he is

2 5

an epileptic and suffers severely; for he He said, "Yes." And when he had

often falls into the fire and often into the come into the house, Jesus anticipated

water. him, saying, "What do you think, Simon?

From whom do the kings of the earth

16 take customs or taxes, from their sons

So I brought him to Your disciples, but
they could not cure him." or from strangers?"

¹ Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Then Jesus answered and said,
"O

7 ² 6

faithless and perverse generation, how Jesus said to him, "Then the
sons are

long shall I be with you? How long shall free. I bear with you? Bring
him here to Me."

² 7

Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go

¹⁸ And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it

to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the

came out of him; and the child was fish that comes up first. And when
you

cured from that very hour. have opened its mouth, you will find a

piece of money; take that and give it to

¹ them for Me and you." ⁹ Then the disciples came to Jesus privately
and said, "Why could we not

cast it out?"

¹ ⁸ At that time the disciples came to

²⁰ Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in

So Jesus said to them, "Because of

your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, the kingdom of heaven?" if
you have faith as a mustard seed, you

will say to this mountain, "Move from ² Then Jesus called a little child

to Him, here to there,' and it will move; and set him in the midst of them, nothing will be impossible for you.

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2 unless you are converted and become

1 However, this kind does not go out and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, except by prayer and fasting." as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

22

Now while they were staying in Galilee,

Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is 4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as about to be betrayed into the hands of this little child is the greatest in the

men, kingdom of heaven.

23 and they will kill Him, and the third day 5 Whoever receives one little child like He will be raised up." And they were this in My name receives Me. exceedingly sorrowful.

6 14 Whoever causes one of these little Even so it is not the will of your Father ones who believe in Me to sin, it would who is in heaven that one of these little

be better for him if a millstone were ones should perish. hung around his neck, and he were

drowned in the depth of the sea. 1 5 Moreover if your brother sins against

you, go and tell him his fault between

7 Woe to the world because of offenses! you and him alone. If he hears you, you

For offenses must come, but woe to that have gained your brother. man by whom the offense comes!

1 6But if he will not hear, take with you

8 If your hand or foot causes you to sin, one or two more, that "by the mouth of

cut it off and cast it from you. It is better two or three witnesses every word may

for you to enter into life lame or maimed, be established.' rather than having two hands or two feet,

to be cast into the everlasting fire. 1 7And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to

the church. But if he refuses even to

'And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck hear the church, let him be to you like a

it out and cast it from you. It is better for heathen and a tax collector. you to enter into life with one eye, rather

than having two eyes, to be cast into 18 'Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you hell fire. bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth will be

10 'Take heed that you do not despise loosed in heaven. one of these little ones, for I say to you

that in heaven their angels always see 1 "' Again I say to you that if two of you the face of My Father who is in heaven. agree on earth concerning anything that

1 Father in heaven.

1For the Son of Man has come to save they ask, it will be done for them by My

that which was lost.

2 0For where two or three are gathered

12a What do you think? If a man has a together in My name, I am there in the

hundred sheep, and one of them goes midst of them." astray, does he not leave the ninety-

nine and go to the mountains to seek ²¹Then Peter came to Him and said, the one that is straying? "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to

¹³

And if he should find it, assuredly, I seven times?"

say to you, he rejoices more over that

sheep than over the ninety-nine that did ² ²Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, not go astray. up to seven times, but up to seventy

times seven.

²³Therefore the kingdom of heaven is forgave you all that debt because you

like a certain king who wanted to settle begged me. accounts with his servants.

² And when he had begun to settle compassion on your fellow servant, just

⁴ ³³Should you not also have had

accounts, one was brought to him who as I had pity on you?' owed him ten thousand talents.

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And his master was angry, and

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But as he was not able to pay, his delivered him to the torturers until he

master commanded that he be sold, should pay all that was due to

him. with his wife and children and all that he

had, and that payment be made. 35 So My heavenly Father also will do to

2 not forgive his brother his trespasses."

6The servant therefore fell down before you if each of you, from his heart, does

him, saying, "Master, have patience with

me, and I will pay you all.'

2 1 9Now it came to pass, when Jesus 7 Then the master of that servant was had finished these sayings, that He moved with compassion, released him, departed from Galilee and came to the and forgave him the debt. region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

2" But that servant went out and found And great multitudes followed Him, and

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one of his fellow servants who owed him

He healed them there.

a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on

him and took him by the throat, saying, 3The Pharisees also came to Him,

"Pay me what you owe!"

testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it

2 lawful for a man to divorce his wife for ' So

his fellow servant fell down at his

just any reason?"

feet and begged him, saying, "Have
patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 4

And He answered and said to them,
30 And he would not, but went and threw "Have you not read that He
who made

them at the beginning "made them male
him into prison till he should pay the and female,' debt.

31 and said, "For this reason a man shall

So when his fellow servants saw what
leave his father and mother and be
had been done, they were very grieved,

joined to his wife, and the two shall
and came and told their master all that become one flesh'? had been
done.

3 So then, they are no longer two but one

2 6

Then his master, after he had called
flesh. Therefore what God has joined
him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I

together, let not man separate."

7 1 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses 6 Now behold, one came
and said to command to give a certificate of divorce, Him, "Good
Teacher, what good thing

and to put her away?" shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

8 1 7

He said to them, "Moses, because of So He said to him, "Why do you
call

the hardness of your hearts, permitted Me good? No one is good but One, that

you to divorce your wives, but from the is, God. But if you want to enter into life,

beginning it was not so. keep the commandments."

'And I say to you, whoever divorces his ¹ 8He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus wife, except for sexual immorality, and said, You shall not murder,' "You shall

marries another, commits adultery; and not commit adultery,' "You shall not

whoever marries her who is divorced steal,' "You shall not bear false witness,'

commits adultery."

¹ "' Honor your father and your mother,'

¹⁰His disciples said to Him, "If such is

and, "You shall love your neighbor as the case of the man with his wife, it is yourself." better not to marry."

² 0The young man said to Him, "All these

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But He said to them, "All cannot things I have kept from my youth. What

accept this saying, but only those to do I still lack?" whom it has been given:

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Jesus said to him, "If you want to be

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For there are eunuchs who were born perfect, go, sell what you

have and give

thus from their mother's womb, and to the poor, and you will have treasure

there are eunuchs who were made in heaven; and come, follow Me." eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs

who have made themselves eunuchs for 2 But when the young man heard that the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who saying, he went away sorrowful, for he

is able to accept it, let him accept it." had great possessions.

13 Then little children were brought to 3 Then Jesus said to His disciples,

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Him that He might put His hands on "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for

them and pray, but the disciples a rich man to enter the kingdom of rebuked them. heaven.

14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children 24

And again I say to you, it is easier for a

come to Me, and do not forbid them; for camel to go through the eye of a needle

of such is the kingdom of heaven." than for a rich man to enter the kingdom

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5 And He laid His hands on them and of God."

departed from there.

24 5 When His disciples heard it, they were

and said to them, "You also go into the

greatly astonished, saying, "Who then vineyard, and whatever is right
I will give

can be saved?" you.' So they went.

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But Jesus looked at them and said to Again he went out about the
sixth and

them, "With men this is impossible, but the ninth hour, and did
likewise. with God all things are possible."

6 And about the eleventh hour he went

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Then Peter answered and said to Him, out and found others
standing idle, and

"See, we have left all and followed You. said to them, "Why have you
been

Therefore what shall we have?" standing here idle all day?'

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So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I They said to him, "Because no
one

say to you, that in the regeneration, hired us.' He said to them, "You
also go

when the Son of Man sits on the throne into the vineyard, and
whatever is right

of His glory, you who have followed Me you will receive.' will also sit
on twelve thrones, judging

the twelve tribes of Israel. "So when evening had come, the

owner of the vineyard said to his

29And everyone who has left houses or

steward, "Call the laborers and give

brothers or sisters or father or mother or them their wages, beginning with the

wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and

inherit eternal life. 'And when those came who were hired

about the eleventh hour, they each

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But many who are first will be last, and received a denarius.

the last first.

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But when the first came, they

supposed that they would receive more;

2 and they likewise received each a 0 For the kingdom of heaven is like

a landowner who went out early in the denarius.

morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 1 1And when they had received it, they 2 complained against the landowner,

Now when he had agreed with the

laborers for a denarius a day, he sent 1 2saying, "These last men have worked them into his vineyard.

only one hour, and you made them

OAnd he went out about the third hour equal to us who have borne the burden

and the heat of the day.'

and saw others standing idle in the

marketplace, ¹³But he answered one of them and said,

"Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did

you not agree with me for a denarius?

^{1 2 4 3}So He said to them, "You will indeed

Take what is yours and go your way. I

wish to give to this last man the same as drink My cup, and be
baptized with the

to you. baptism that I am baptized with; but to

sit on My right hand and on My left is not

^{1 5} s it not lawful for me to do what I wish

Mine to give, but it is for those for whom

with my own things? Or is your eye evil it is prepared by My Father."
because I am good?"

^{2 4}And when the ten heard it, they were

¹⁶ greatly displeased with the two brothers.

So the last will be first, and the first

last. For many are called, but few ⁵But Jesus called them to Himself
and

chosen." ²

said, "You know that the rulers of the

¹⁷ Gentiles lord it over them, and those

Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem,

took the twelve disciples aside on the who are great exercise authority

over

road and said to them, them.

12 6 et it shall not be so among you; but 8 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to whoever desires to become great

the chief priests and to the scribes; and among you, let him be your servant. they will condemn Him to death,

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And whoever desires to be first among

19 you, let him be your slave--

and deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And

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the third day He will rise again." ust as the Son of Man did not come to

be served, but to serve, and to give His

20 life a ransom for many."

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling

down and asking something from Him. 2 ' Now as they went out of Jericho, a

great multitude followed Him.

21

And He said to her, "What do you 30And behold, two blind men sitting by

wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that

these two sons of mine may sit, one on the road, when they heard that Jesus

Your right hand and the other on the left, was passing by, cried out, saying, "Have

in Your kingdom." mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

23 2 1 Then the multitude warned them that But Jesus answered and said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to they should be quiet; but they cried out

drink the cup that I am about to drink, all the more, saying, "Have mercy on us,

and be baptized with the baptism that I O Lord, Son of David!" am baptized with?" They said to Him,

"We are able." 32

So Jesus stood still and called them,
and said, "What do you want Me to do
for you?"

33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes branches from the trees and spread

may be opened." them on the road.

34 9

So Jesus had compassion and Then the multitudes who went before touched their eyes. And immediately and those who followed cried out,

their eyes received sight, and they saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David!

followed Him. "Blessed is He who comes in the name

of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

¹ 0 And when He had come into

2 ¹ Now when they drew near

Jerusalem, all the city was moved,

Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at

saying, "Who is this?"

the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent

two disciples, ¹ 1 So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, ² the prophet
from Nazareth of Galilee."

saying to them, "Go into the village

opposite you, and immediately you will ¹ 2 Then Jesus went into the
temple of find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and
bring them to Me. God and drove out all those who bought

and sold in the temple, and overturned

O And if anyone says anything to you, the tables of the money
changers and

the seats of those who sold doves.

you shall say, "The Lord has need of

them,' and immediately he will send ¹ 3 And He said to them, "It is
written, "My them." prayer,' house shall be called a house of ⁴ but you
have made it a "den of thieves."

All this was done that it might be

fulfilled which was spoken by the ¹ 4 Then the blind and the lame

came to prophet, saying:

Him in the temple, and He healed them.

5 Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, 5But when the chief priests and scribes

your King is coming to you, Lowly, and 1

sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a saw the wonderful things that He did,

donkey." and the children crying out in the temple

and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of

6 David!" they were indignant

So the disciples went and did as Jesus

commanded them. 1 6and said to Him, "Do You hear what 7 these are saying?" And Jesus said to

They brought the donkey and the colt,

them, "Yes. Have you never read, "Out

laid their clothes on them, and set Him

on them. of the mouth of babes and nursing

infants You have perfected praise'?"

'And a very great multitude spread their 17

clothes on the road; others cut down Then He left them and went out of the

city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

1 2 ' Now in the morning, as He returned to 6But if we say, "From men,' we fear the the city, He was hungry. multitude, for all count John as a

prophet."

19 And seeing a fig tree by the road, He

came to it and found nothing on it but 2 7

So they answered Jesus and said,

leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow "We do not know." And He said to them,

on you ever again." Immediately the fig "Neither will I tell you by what authority I

tree withered away. do these things.

22 0 And when the disciples saw it, they 8 But what do you think? A man had marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree two sons, and he came to the first and

wither away so soon?" said, "Son, go, work today in my

vineyard.'

21

So Jesus answered and said to them,

"Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith 2' He answered and said, "I will not,' but and do not doubt, you will not only do afterward he regretted it and went. what was done to the fig tree, but also if

you say to this mountain, "Be removed 3 0 Then he came to the second and said and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. likewise. And he answered and said, "I

go, sir,' but he did not go.

22

And whatever things you ask in prayer,

believing, you will receive." 31 Which of the two did the will of his

father?" They said to Him, "The first."

23

Now when He came into the temple, Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to

the chief priests and the elders of the you that tax collectors and harlots enter

people confronted Him as He was the kingdom of God before you. teaching, and said, "By what authority

are You doing these things? And who 32 For John came to you in the way of gave You this authority?" righteousness, and you did not believe

2 believed him; and when you saw it, you

4But Jesus answered and said to them, him; but tax collectors and harlots

"I also will ask you one thing, which if did not afterward relent and believe him.

you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by

what authority I do these things: 33 Hear another parable: There was a

2 vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug

5The baptism of John--where was it certain landowner who planted a from? From heaven or from men?" And a winepress in it and built a tower. And

they reasoned among themselves, he leased it to vinedressers and went

saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He into a far country. will say to us, "Why then did you not

believe him?' 34Now when vintage-time drew near, he

sent his servants to the vinedressers,

that they might receive its fruit.

35 And the vinedressers took his servants, 45 Now when the chief priests and beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Pharisees heard His parables, they

perceived that He was speaking of them.

36 Again he sent other servants, more 6 4 than the first, and they did likewise to But when they sought to lay hands on them. Him, they feared the multitudes,

because they took Him for a prophet.

37

Then last of all he sent his son to them,
saying, "They will respect my son.'

22 And Jesus answered and spoke to

3' But when the vinedressers saw the them again by parables and said: son, they said among themselves, "This

is the heir. Come, let us kill him and 2 The kingdom of heaven is like a seize his inheritance.' certain king who arranged a marriage

39 for his son, So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. h

and sent out his servants to call those

4 who were invited to the wedding; and 0§ 'Therefore , when the owner of the they were not willing to come.

vineyard comes, what will he do to those

vinedressers?" 4

Again, he sent out other servants,

4 saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, 1 They said to Him, "He will destroy I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and

those wicked men miserably, and lease fatted cattle are killed, and all things are

his vineyard to other vinedressers who ready. Come to the wedding." will render to him the fruits in their

seasons." 5

But they made light of it and went their

4 ways, one to his own farm, another to 2 Jesus said to them, "Have you never his business.

read in the Scriptures: "The stone which

chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's treated them spitefully, and killed them. doing, And it is marvelous in our the builders rejected Has become the OAnd the rest seized his servants,

eyes'?

4 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of

3§ 7But when the king heard about it, he

was furious. And he sent out his armies,

God will be taken from you and given to

destroyed those murderers, and burned

a nation bearing the fruits of it.

up their city.

44And whoever falls on this stone will be

8 Then he said to his servants, "The
broken; but on whomever it falls, it will
wedding is ready, but those who were
grind him to powder."

invited were not worthy.
"Therefore go into the highways, and as ¹ Show Me the tax money." So
they many as you find, invite to the wedding.' brought Him a
denarius.

¹ ² ⁰ ⁰ And He said to them, "Whose image

So those servants went out into the
highways and gathered together all and inscription is this?" whom
they found, both bad and good.

And the wedding hall was filled with ² ¹

They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He
guests. said to them, "Render therefore to

Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and
¹ ¹ But when the king came in to see the to God the things that are
God's." guests, he saw a man there who did not

have on a wedding garment. ² ² When they had heard these words,
they marveled, and left Him and went

¹ ² So he said to him, "Friend, how did their way. you come in here
without a wedding

garment?' And he was speechless. ² ³ The same day the Sadducees, who
say there is no resurrection, came to

¹ ³ Then the king said to the servants,

Him and asked Him,

"Bind his hand and foot, take him away,

and cast him into outer darkness; there 2 4

saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a

will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' man dies, having no children,
his

brother shall marry his wife and raise up

14

'For many are called, but few are offspring for his brother.

chosen."

25Now there were with us seven

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Then the Pharisees went and plotted brothers. The first died after he
had

how they might entangle Him in His talk. married, and having no
offspring, left his

wife to his brother.

16And they sent to Him their disciples

with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, 2 6Likewise the second also, and
the third, we know that You are true, and teach even to the seventh.
the way of God in truth; nor do You care

about anyone, for You do not regard the 2 7

Last of all the woman died also.

person of men.

2 8Therefore, in the resurrection, whose

17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? wife of the seven will she
be? For they

Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or all had her." not?"

2 ' Jesus answered and said to them,

18But Jesus perceived their wickedness,

"You are mistaken, not knowing the

and said, "Why do you test Me, you Scriptures nor the power of God.
hypocrites?

30For in the resurrection they neither 4 2saying, "What do you think
about the marry nor are given in marriage, but are Christ? Whose Son
is He?" They said to

like angels of God in heaven. Him, "The Son of David."

31 4 3

But concerning the resurrection of the He said to them, "How then
does

dead, have you not read what was David in the Spirit call Him "Lord,'
spoken to you by God, saying, saying:

3 444 2 am the God of Abraham, the God of "The LORD said to my
Lord, "Sit at My

Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? God is right hand, Till I make Your
enemies

not the God of the dead, but of the Your footstool"? living."

4 5 David then calls Him "Lord,' how is

33And when the multitudes heard this, He his Son?" they were
astonished at His teaching.

4 6And no one was able to answer Him a

34But when the Pharisees heard that He word, nor from that day on
did anyone

had silenced the Sadducees, they dare question Him anymore.
gathered together.

35 Then one of them, a lawyer, asked

2 3 Then Jesus spoke to the

Him a question, testing Him, and saying, multitudes and to His disciples,

36 'Teacher, which is the great

2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees

commandment in the law?" sit in Moses' seat.

37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to

LORD your God with all your heart, with observe, that observe and do, but do not

all your soul, and with all your mind.'

do according to their works; for they say,

3' This is the first and great and do not do. commandment. 4

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to

39 And the second is like it: "You shall bear, and lay them on men's shoulders;

but they themselves will not move them

love your neighbor as yourself.' with one of their fingers.

4 5 0 On these two commandments hang all But all their works they do to be seen the Law and the Prophets." by men. They make their

broad and enlarge the borders of their

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While the Pharisees were gathered garments.

together, Jesus asked them, ⁶ 1 They love the best places at feasts, the
6 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, best seats in the synagogues,
"Whoever swears by the temple, it is

nothing; but whoever swears by the gold

7 of the temple, he is obliged to perform greetings in the marketplaces,
and to

be called by men, "Rabbi, Rabbi.' it.'

⁸ 1 7Fools and blind! For which is greater, But you, do not be called
"Rabbi"; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and the gold or the temple
that sanctifies the

you are all brethren. gold?

¹ 8And, "Whoever swears by the altar, it

'Do not call anyone on earth your father;

for One is your Father, He who is in is nothing; but whoever swears by the
the

heaven. gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform

¹⁰And do not be called teachers; for One

is your Teacher, the Christ. ¹ ' Fools and blind! For which is greater,

the gift or the altar that sanctifies the

¹¹But he who is greatest among you

gift?

shall be your servant. 2 0Therefore he who swears by the altar,

1 swears by it and by all things on it. 2And whoever exalts himself will be

humbled, and he who humbles himself 2 1He who swears by the temple, swears will be exalted.

by it and by Him who dwells in it.

13 But woe to you, scribes and

Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up And he who swears by heaven,
2 2

the kingdom of heaven against men; for swears by the throne of God and by Him

you neither go in yourselves, nor do you who sits on it.

allow those who are entering to go in. 3 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

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14 hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

hypocrites! For you devour widows' anise and cummin, and have neglected

houses, and for a pretense make long the weightier matters of the law: justice

prayers. Therefore you will receive and mercy and faith. These you ought to

greater condemnation. have done, without leaving the others

undone.

1 5 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

hypocrites! For you travel land and sea Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and 24

to win one proselyte, and when he is swallow a camel!

won, you make him twice as much a son 5 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

of hell as yourselves. 2

hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are synagogues and persecute from city to

full of extortion and self-indulgence. city,

26Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside 35that on you may come all the righteous

of the cup and dish, that the outside of blood shed on the earth, from the blood

them may be clean also. of righteous Abel to the blood of

Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you

27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, murdered between the temple and the

hypocrites! For you are like altar.

whitewashed tombs which indeed 36Assuredly, appear beautiful outwardly, but inside I say to you, all these

are full of dead men's bones and all things will come upon this generation.

uncleanness.

28 Even so you also outwardly appear

kills the prophets and stones those who

righteous to men, but inside you are full are sent to her! How often I
wanted to

of hypocrisy and lawlessness. gather your children together, as a hen

gathers her chicks under her wings, but

29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you were not willing!

hypocrites! Because you build the tombs 38 See! of the prophets and
adorn the Your house is left to you monuments of the righteous,
desolate;

30 3' for I say to you, you shall see Me no

and say, "If we had lived in the days of

our fathers, we would not have been more till you say, "Blessed is He
who

partakers with them in the blood of the comes in the name of the
LORD!" prophets.'

31 § '

Therefore you are witnesses against 24 Then Jesus went out and
yourselves that you are sons of those departed from the temple, and
His

who murdered the prophets. disciples came up to show Him the

3 buildings of the temple. 2 Fill up, then, the measure of your

fathers' guilt. ² And Jesus said to them, "Do you not

³³Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you see all these things? Assuredly, I say to

you, not one stone shall be left here

you escape the condemnation of hell? upon another, that shall not be thrown

down."

³⁴Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets,

wise men, and scribes: some of them ³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives,

you will kill and crucify, and some of the disciples came to Him privately,

them you will scourge in your saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your ¹ ⁵⁴"Therefore when you see the coming, and of the end of the age?" "abomination of desolation," spoken of

by Daniel the prophet, standing in the

⁴ holy place" (whoever reads, let him And Jesus answered and said to them:

"Take heed that no one deceives you. understand),

⁵ ¹ ⁶⁴ then let those who are in Judea flee to

For many will come in My name, saying,

"I am the Christ," and will deceive many. the mountains.

⁶ ¹ ⁷Let him who is on the housetop not go

And you will hear of wars and rumors of

wars. See that you are not troubled; for down to take anything out of his house.

all these things must come to pass, but

the end is not yet. ¹ ' And let him who is in the field not go

back to get his clothes.

⁷For nation will rise against nation, and

kingdom against kingdom. And there will ¹ ' But woe to those who are pregnant be famines, pestilences, and and to those who are nursing babies in earthquakes in various places. those days!

^{8 2} All these are the beginning of sorrows. ⁰And pray that your flight may not be in

winter or on the Sabbath.

""Then they will deliver you up to

tribulation and kill you, and you will be For then there will be great tribulation, ²₁

hated by all nations for My name's sake. such as has not been since the

beginning of the world until this time, no,

¹⁰And then many will be offended, will

nor ever shall be.

betray one another, and will hate one

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another. And unless those days were shortened,

no flesh would be saved; but for the

¹¹ elect's sake those days will be

Then many false prophets will rise up

and deceive many. shortened.

1 'Then if anyone says to you, "Look,

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And because lawlessness will abound,
the love of many will grow cold. here is the Christ!' or "'There!' do not
believe it.

13But he who endures to the end shall

be saved. For false christs and false prophets will 2 4

rise and show great signs and wonders

14 to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be

preached in all the world as a witness to 2 5See, I have told you
beforehand. all the nations, and then the end will come.

26§"Therefore if they say to you, "Look, 35Heaven and earth will pass
away, but

He is in the desert!' do not go out; or My words will by no means pass
away.

"Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not

believe it. 36 'But of that day and hour no one

knows, not even the angels of heaven,

27

For as the lightning comes from the but My Father only.

east and flashes to the west, so also will

the coming of the Son of Man be. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so

also

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8For wherever the carcass is, there the will the coming of the Son of Man be.

eagles will be gathered together. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying

2 ' Immediately after the tribulation of and giving in marriage, until the day that

those days the sun will be darkened, Noah entered the ark, and the moon will not give its light; the

stars will fall from heaven, and the 3' and did not know until the flood came

powers of the heavens will be shaken. and took them all away, so also will the

3

0Then the sign of the Son of Man will coming of the Son of Man be.

appear in heaven, and then all the tribes 4 0Then two men will be in the field: one of the earth will mourn, and they will see will be taken and the other left. the Son of Man coming on the clouds of

heaven with power and great glory. 41

Two women will be grinding at the mill:

31 one will be taken and the other left. And He will send His angels with a

great sound of a trumpet, and they will 4 2Watch therefore, for you do not know gather together His elect from the four what hour your Lord is coming. winds, from one end of heaven to the

other. 4 3But know this, that if the master of the

3 house had known what hour the thief 2 Now learn this parable from the fig

would come, he would have watched

tree: When its branch has already

and not allowed his house to be broken

become tender and puts forth leaves,

into.

you know that summer is near.

4 4Therefore you also be ready, for the

33So you also, when you see all these Son of Man is coming at an hour you do

things, know that it is near--at the doors! not expect.

34Assuredly, I say to you, this generation 454 Who then is a faithful and wise will by no means pass away till all these servant, whom his master made ruler things take place. over his household, to give them food in

due season?

4 7 6Blessed is that servant whom his

Then all those virgins arose and

master, when he comes, will find so trimmed their lamps. doing.

4 us some of your oil, for our lamps are

7Assuredly, I say to you that he will 8And the foolish said to the wise, "Give

make him ruler over all his goods. going out.'

4' But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'But the wise answered, saying, "No,

"My master is delaying his coming,' lest there should not be enough
for us

and you; but go rather to those who sell,

49and begins to beat his fellow servants,

and buy for yourselves.'

and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

1 0And while they went to buy, the

50 he master of that servant will come on bridegroom came, and those
who were

a day when he is not looking for him and ready went in with him to
the wedding;

at an hour that he is not aware of, and the door was shut.

5 1 1§ 1'Afterward the other virgins came also, and will cut him in two
and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There saying, "Lord,
Lord, open to us!" shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

12

But he answered and said, "Assuredly,

I say to you, I do not know you.'

shall be likened to ten virgins who took 25 Then the kingdom
of heaven 1 3 Watch therefore, for you know neither their lamps
and went out to meet the the day nor the hour in which the Son of
bridegroom. Man is coming.

14 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a

2Now five of them were wise, and five

were foolish. man traveling to a far country, who

called his own servants and delivered

3Those who were foolish took their his goods to them.

lamps and took no oil with them, 1 5And to one he gave five talents, to
4 another two, and to another one, to

but the wise took oil in their vessels

each according to his own ability; and

with their lamps.

immediately he went on a journey.

5But while the bridegroom was delayed, 6Then he who had received
the five

1

they all slumbered and slept.

talents went and traded with them, and

6 made another five talents.

And at midnight a cry was heard:

"Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go 17

And likewise he who had received two

out to meet him!"

gained two more also.

1' But he who had received one went that I reap where I have not
sown, and

and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's gather where I have not
scattered seed.

money.

So you ought to have deposited my

1' After a long time the lord of those money with the bankers, and at my

servants came and settled accounts coming I would have received back my

with them. own with interest.

2 2 8 0 So he who had received five talents So take the talent from him, and give it came and brought five other talents, to him who has ten talents. saying, "Lord, you delivered to me five

talents; look, I have gained five more 2 "' For to everyone who has, more will be talents besides them.' given, and he will have abundance; but

from him who does not have, even what

21

His lord said to him, "Well done, good he has will be taken away.

and faithful servant; you were faithful

over a few things, I will make you ruler 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into

over many things. Enter into the joy of the outer darkness. There will be

your lord.' weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

22 He also who had received two talents 3 14 When the Son of Man comes in His came and said, "Lord, you delivered to glory, and all the holy angels with Him,

me two talents; look, I have gained two then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

more talents besides them.'

2 All the nations will be gathered before 3 2

His lord said to him, "Well done, good Him, and He will separate them one

and faithful servant; you have been from another, as a shepherd divides his

faithful over a few things, I will make you sheep from the goats. ruler over many things. Enter into the joy

of your lord.' 33 And He will set the sheep on His right

2 hand, but the goats on the left. 4§ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, "Lord, I knew you 34

Then the King will say to those on His

to be a hard man, reaping where you

right hand, "Come, you blessed of My

have not sown, and gathering where

Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for

you have not scattered seed.

you from the foundation of the world:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid 35 or I was hungry and you gave Me

your talent in the ground. Look, there food; I was thirsty and you gave Me

you have what is yours.' drink; I was a stranger and you took Me

2 in; 6 But his lord answered and said to him,

"You wicked and lazy servant, you knew 36 was naked and you clothed Me; I was you did not do it to one of the least of

sick and you visited Me; I was in prison these, you did not do it to Me.' and you came to Me.'

4 6And these will go away into everlasting

37§Then the righteous will answer Him, punishment, but the righteous into

saying, "Lord, when did we see You eternal life." hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give

You drink?

3 26Now it came to pass, when Jesus 8When did we see You a stranger and

had finished all these sayings, that He take You in, or naked and clothe You? said to His disciples,

39 2 Or when did we see You sick, or in You know that after two days is the prison, and come to You?' Passover, and the Son of Man will be

4 delivered up to be crucified." 0And the King will answer and say to

inasmuch as you did it to one of the the elders of the people assembled at least of these My brethren, you did it to the palace of the high priest, who was them, "Assuredly, I say to you, 3Then the chief priests, the scribes, and

Me.' called Caiaphas,

41§Then He will also say to those on the 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, and kill Him. into the everlasting fire prepared for the

devil and his angels: 5

But they said, "Not during the feast, lest

4 there be an uproar among the people." 2 or I was hungry and you gave Me no

food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no 6

And when Jesus was in Bethany at the drink;

house of Simon the leper,

43 was a stranger and you did not take

Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, 7a woman came to Him having an

alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil,

sick and in prison and you did not visit

Me.' and she poured it on His head as He sat

at the table.

4 4§ 'Then

they also will answer Him,

'But when His disciples saw it, they

saying, "Lord, when did we see You

were indignant, saying, "Why this

hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked

waste?

or sick or in prison, and did not minister

to You?' 9For this fragrant oil might have been

45Then He will answer them, saying,

sold for much and given to the poor."

"Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as ¹ ² ⁰ But when Jesus was aware of it, He ⁰ When evening had come, He sat down said to them, "Why do you trouble the with the twelve. woman? For she has done a good work

for Me. ² ¹

Now as they were eating, He said,

"Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will

¹ ¹

For you have the poor with you always, betray Me."

but Me you do not have always.

² ²

And they were exceedingly sorrowful,

¹ ²

For in pouring this fragrant oil on My and each of them began to say to Him,

body, she did it for My burial. "Lord, is it I?"

¹ ² ³ Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this ³ He answered and said, "He who gospel is preached in the whole world, dipped his hand with Me in the dish will

what this woman has done will also be betray Me. told as a memorial to her."

² ⁴

The Son of Man indeed goes just as it

¹ ⁴

Then one of the twelve, called Judas is written of Him, but woe to that man by

Iscariot, went to the chief priests whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It
would have been good for that man if he
15 had not been born."

and said, "What are you willing to give
me if I deliver Him to you?" And they 5 Then Judas, who was
betraying Him,
counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 2

answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He
16 said to him, "You have said it."
So from that time he sought
opportunity to betray Him.

2 6
And as they were eating, Jesus took
17 bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it

Now on the first day of the Feast of the
Unleavened Bread the disciples came to to the disciples and said,
"Take, eat; this
Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You is My body."

want us to prepare for You to eat the 7 Then He took the cup, and gave
Passover?" 2

thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
18 "Drink from it, all of you.

And He said, "Go into the city to a

certain man, and say to him, "The 8For this is My blood of the new

Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will 2

keep the Passover at your house with covenant, which is shed for many for the

My disciples. ' remission of sins.

1 2 ' So the disciples did as Jesus had ' But I say to you, I will not drink of this directed them; and they prepared the fruit of the vine from now on until that

Passover. day when I drink it new with you in My

Father's kingdom."

30And when they had sung a hymn, they 40Then He came to the disciples and went out to the Mount of Olives. found them sleeping, and said to Peter,

"What! Could you not watch with Me one

31 hour?

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me

4 1

this night, for it is written: "I will strike the Watch and pray, lest you enter into

Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock temptation. The spirit indeed is willing,

will be scattered.' but the flesh is weak."

32But after I have been raised, I will go 42Again, a second time, He went away before you to Galilee." and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if

this

cup cannot pass away from Me unless I

33 eter answered and said to Him, drink it, Your will be done."

"Even if all are made to stumble

because of You, I will never be made to 4 3And He came and found them asleep stumble." again, for their eyes were heavy.

34 44

Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to So He left them, went away again, and

you that this night, before the rooster prayed the third time, saying the same

crows, you will deny Me three times." words.

35 eter said to Him, "Even if I have to 4 5Then He came to His disciples and die with You, I will not deny You!" And said to them, "Are you still sleeping and

so said all the disciples. resting? Behold, the hour is at hand,

and the Son of Man is being betrayed

36 into the hands of sinners.

Then Jesus came with them to a place

called Gethsemane, and said to the

4 6

disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer

over there." is at hand."

37And He took with Him Peter and the 47And while He was still speaking, two sons of Zebedee, and He began to behold, Judas, one of

the twelve, with a

be sorrowful and deeply distressed. great multitude with swords and clubs,

came from the chief priests and elders

38 Then He said to them, "My soul is

of the people.

exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.

Stay here and watch with Me." 4' Now His betrayer had given them a

sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is

3 the One; seize Him." ' He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father,

if it is possible, let this cup pass from 4 ' Immediately he went up to Jesus and Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

You will."

5 5 0 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why

' Now the chief priests, the elders, and

have you come?" Then they came and all the council sought false testimony

laid hands on Jesus and took Him. against Jesus to put Him to death,

5 6 1 0

And suddenly, one of those who were but found none. Even though many

with Jesus stretched out his hand and false witnesses came forward, they

drew his sword, struck the servant of the found none. But at last two false

high priest, and cut off his ear. witnesses came forward

5 6 1 2But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword

and said, "This fellow said, "I am able

in its place, for all who take the sword to destroy the temple of God
and to

will perish by the sword. build it in three days."

5 6 3 2And the high priest arose and said to

Or do you think that I cannot now pray

to My Father, and He will provide Me Him, "Do You answer nothing?
What is

with more than twelve legions of it these men testify against You?"
angels?

6 3But Jesus kept silent. And the high

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How then could the Scriptures be priest answered and said to Him,
"I put

fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" You under oath by the living God:
Tell

us if You are the Christ, the Son of

55 n that hour Jesus said to the

God!"

multitudes, "Have you come out, as

6 4

against a robber, with swords and clubs Jesus said to him, "It is as you
said.

to take Me? I sat daily with you, Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter
you

teaching in the temple, and you did not will see the Son of Man sitting at the

seize Me. right hand of the Power, and coming on

the clouds of heaven."

56 But all this was done that the

Scriptures of the prophets might be 6 5 Then the high priest tore his clothes, fulfilled." Then all the disciples forsook saying, "He has spoken blasphemy!

Him and fled. What further need do we have of

witnesses? Look, now you have heard

57 His blasphemy!

And those who had laid hold of Jesus

led Him away to Caiaphas the high 6 What do you think?" They answered

priest, where the scribes and the elders 6

were assembled. and said, "He is deserving of death."

5 6 7

' But Peter followed Him at a distance to Then they spat in His face and beat

the high priest's courtyard. And he went Him; and others struck Him with the

in and sat with the servants to see the palms of their hands, end.

6' saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is 3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that

the one who struck You?" He had been condemned, was

remorseful and brought back the thirty

69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard.

pieces of silver to the chief priests and

And a servant girl came to him, saying, elders, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee."

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying

70 innocent blood." And they said, "What is But he denied it before them all,

saying, "I do not know what you are that to us? You see to it!" saying."

5 Then he threw down the pieces of silver

71 And when he had gone out to the

in the temple and departed, and went

gateway, another girl saw him and said and hanged himself. to those who were there, "This fellow

also was with Jesus of Nazareth." 6 But the chief priests took the silver

pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put

72 them into the treasury, because they are

But again he denied with an oath, "I do not know the Man!" the price of blood."

7 And they consulted together and

3 And a little later those who stood by 7

came up and said to Peter, "Surely you bought with them the potter's field, to

also are one of them, for your speech bury strangers in. betrays you."

8 Therefore that field has been called the

74 Field of Blood to this day. Then he began to curse and swear, saying, "I do not know the Man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. "Then was fulfilled what was spoken by

Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they

7 took the thirty pieces of silver, the value 5And Peter remembered the word of

Jesus who had said to him, "Before the of Him who was priced, whom they of

rooster crows, you will deny Me three the children of Israel priced, times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

1 0and gave them for the potter's field, as

the LORD directed me."

2 7 When morning came, all the chief 1 1Now Jesus stood before the governor. priests and elders of the people plotted And the governor asked Him, saying, against Jesus to put Him to death. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus

2 said to him, "It is as you say."

And when they had bound Him, they

led Him away and delivered Him to 12

And while He was being accused by

Pontius Pilate the governor.

the chief priests and elders, He

answered nothing.

1 2 3Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not 3Then the governor said, "Why, what hear how many things they testify evil has He done?" But they cried out all

against You?" the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

1 2 44

But He answered him not one word, so When Pilate saw that he

could not

that the governor marveled greatly. prevail at all, but rather that a tumult

was rising, he took water and washed

15 his hands before the multitude, saying,

Now at the feast the governor was

accustomed to releasing to the multitude "I am innocent of the blood of this just

one prisoner whom they wished. Person. You see to it."

1 2 5And all the people answered and said, 6And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. "His blood be on us and on our children."

17Therefore, when they had gathered

26Then he released Barabbas to them;

together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do

you want me to release to you? and when he had scourged Jesus, he

Barabbas, or Jesus who is called delivered Him to be crucified. Christ?"

2 7

Then the soldiers of the governor took

1 Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered ' For he knew that they had handed Him

over because of envy. the whole garrison around Him.

2 8

1 And they stripped Him and put a ' While he was sitting on the judgment

seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have scarlet robe on Him. nothing to do with that just Man, for I

have suffered many things today in a 2 ' When they had twisted a crown of dream because of Him." thorns, they put it on His head, and a

reed in His right hand. And they bowed

20But the chief priests and elders

the knee before Him and mocked Him,

persuaded the multitudes that they saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

should ask for Barabbas and destroy 0Then they spat on Him, and took the

Jesus. 3

reed and struck Him on the head.

21The governor answered and said to

them, "Which of the two do you want me 31And when they had mocked Him, they

to release to you?" They said, took the robe off Him, put His own

"Barabbas!" clothes on Him, and led Him away to be

crucified.

22Pilate said to them, "What then shall I

do with Jesus who is called Christ?" 32Now as they came out, they found a

They all said to him, "Let Him be man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him crucified!" they compelled to bear His cross.

33And when they had come to a place 43He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of now if He will have Him; for He said, "I

a Skull, am the Son of God."

3 4 4 hey gave Him sour wine mingled with 4

Even the robbers who were crucified

gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, with Him reviled Him with the same

He would not drink. thing.

3 4 55

Then they crucified Him, and divided Now from the sixth hour until the ninth

His garments, casting lots, that it might hour there was darkness over all the

be fulfilled which was spoken by the land. prophet: "They divided My garments

among them, And for My clothing they 4 6And about the ninth hour Jesus cried cast lots." out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli,

lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My

36Sitting down, they kept watch over Him

God, why have You forsaken Me?"

there.

4 7

37And they put up over His head the Some of those who stood there, when

they heard that, said, "This Man is

accusation written against Him: THIS IS calling for Elijah!" JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

4 8 mediately one of them ran and took

3' Then two robbers were crucified with a sponge, filled it with sour

wine and put

Him, one on the right and another on the left on a reed, and offered it to Him to

left. drink.

3 4 ' And those who passed by blasphemed ' The rest said, "Let Him alone; let us

Him, wagging their heads see if Elijah will come to save Him."

4 5 0and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and yielded up His spirit. Yourself! If You are the Son of God,

come down from the cross." 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple

4 the earth quaked, and the rocks were

1Likewise the chief priests also, were torn in two from top to bottom; and

mocking with the scribes and elders, split, said,

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4 and the graves were opened; and 2 He saved others; Himself He cannot

many bodies of the saints who had

save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him fallen asleep be raised; now come down from the cross, and we

will believe Him.

53and coming out of the graves after His 63saying, "Sir, we remember, while He

resurrection, they went into the holy city and was still alive, how that

deceiver said,

and appeared to many. "After three days I will rise.'

5 6 4 4Therefore command that the tomb be

So when the centurion and those with

him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the made secure until the third day, lest His

earthquake and the things that had disciples come by night and steal Him

happened, they feared greatly, saying, away, and say to the people, "He has

"Truly this was the Son of God!" risen from the dead.' So the last

deception will be worse than the first."

55And many women who followed Jesus

from Galilee, ministering to Him, were 6 5Pilate said to them, "You have a there looking on from afar, guard; go your way, make it as secure

as you know how."

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among whom were Mary Magdalene,

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Mary the mother of James and Joses, So they went and made the tomb

and the mother of Zebedee's sons. secure, sealing the stone and setting the

guard.

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Now when evening had come, there

came a rich man from Arimathea,

named Joseph, who himself had also 28Now after the Sabbath, as the first

become a disciple of Jesus. day of the week began to dawn, Mary

Magdalene and the other Mary came to

5' This man went to Pilate and asked for see the tomb. the body of Jesus. Then Pilate

commanded the body to be given to him. 2 And behold, there was a great

earthquake; for an angel of the Lord

5' When Joseph had taken the body, he descended from heaven, and came and

wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, rolled back the stone from the door, and

sat on it.

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and laid it in his new tomb which he

had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled 3His countenance was like lightning, and

a large stone against the door of the his clothing as white as snow. tomb, and departed.

4 And the guards shook for fear of him,

61And Mary Magdalene was there, and and became like dead men. the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

5But the angel answered and said to the

62On the next day, which followed the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know

Day of Preparation, the chief priests and that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, ⁶ ¹ He is not here; for He is risen, as He ³saying, "Tell them, "His disciples came said. Come, see the place where the at night and stole Him away while we

Lord lay. slept.'

⁷ ¹ ⁴ And go quickly and tell His disciples And if this comes to the governor's that He is risen from the dead, and ears, we will appease him and make

indeed He is going before you into you secure." Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I

have told you." ¹ ⁵So they took the money and did as

they were instructed; and this saying is

⁸So they went out quickly from the tomb commonly reported among the Jews

with fear and great joy, and ran to bring until this day. His disciples word.

¹ ⁶Then the eleven disciples went away

'And as they went to tell His disciples, into Galilee, to the mountain which

behold, Jesus met them, saying, Jesus had appointed for them. "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him

by the feet and worshiped Him. ¹ ⁷

When they saw Him, they worshiped

Him; but some doubted.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be

afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to ¹⁸And Jesus came and spoke to them, Galilee, and there they will see Me." saying, "All authority has been given to

Me in heaven and on earth.

Now while they were going, behold,

some of the guard came into the city ¹ ' Go therefore and make
disciples of all and reported to the chief priests all the the nations,
baptizing them in the name

things that had happened. of the Father and of the Son and of the

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²When they had assembled with the Holy Spirit,

elders and consulted together, they ² 0teaching them to observe all
things gave a large sum of money to the that I have commanded you;
and to, I

soldiers, am with you always, even to the end of

the age." Amen.

1st Accounts of the Church by brother Luke

'according to the custom of the
priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense

1 when he went into the temple of the Inasmuch as many have taken
in

Lord.

hand to set in order a narrative of those

things which have been fulfilled among 1 0And the whole multitude of
the people us,

was praying outside at the hour of

2 incense.

just as those who from the beginning

were eyewitnesses and ministers of the 1 1Then an angel of the Lord
appeared to word delivered them to us,

him, standing on the right side of the

bit seemed good to me also, having had altar of incense.

perfect understanding of all things from 12And when Zacharias saw
him, he was the very first, to write to you an orderly troubled, and
fear fell upon him. account, most excellent Theophilus,

1 3But the angel said to him, "Do not be

4that you may know the certainty of

those things in which you were afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is

instructed. heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear

you a son, and you shall call his name

5 John.

There was in the days of Herod, the

king of Judea, a certain priest named ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His and many will rejoice at his birth. wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and

her name was Elizabeth. ¹ ⁵For he will be great in the sight of the

⁶ Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor And they were both righteous before

God, walking in all the commandments strong drink. He will also be filled with

and ordinances of the Lord blameless. the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's

womb.

⁷But they had no child, because ⁶

Elizabeth was barren, and they were ¹ And he will turn many of the children of

both well advanced in years. Israel to the Lord their God.

¹ ⁷He will also go before Him in the spirit

⁸So it was, that while he was serving as

priest before God in the order of his and power of Elijah, "to turn the hearts

division, of the fathers to the children,' and the

disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to

make ready a people prepared for the

1 27

' And Zacharias said to the angel, "How to a virgin betrothed to a man whose

shall I know this? For I am an old man, name was Joseph, of the house of

and my wife is well advanced in years." David. The virgin's name was Mary.

1 28 '

And the angel answered and said to And having come in, the angel said to

him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the

presence of God, and was sent to speak Lord is with you; blessed are you among

to you and bring you these glad tidings. women!"

2 2 0But behold, you will be mute and not

' But when she saw him, she was

able to speak until the day these things troubled at his saying, and considered

take place, because you did not believe what manner of greeting this was. my words which will be fulfilled in their

own time." 30Then the angel said to her, "Do not be

afraid, Mary, for you have found favor

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And the people waited for Zacharias, with God.

and marveled that he lingered so long in

the temple. 31And behold, you will conceive in your

womb and bring forth a Son, and shall

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But when he came out, he could not call His name JESUS.

speak to them; and they perceived that

he had seen a vision in the temple, for 32He will be great, and will be called the

he beckoned to them and remained Son of the Highest; and the Lord God

speechless. will give Him the throne of His father

David.

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So it was, as soon as the days of his

service were completed, that he 33 And He will reign over the house of departed to his own house. Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there

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4Now after those days his wife will be no end."

Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself 34Then Mary said to the angel, "How can five months, saying, this be, since I do not know a man?"

258"Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in 35And the angel answered and said to

the days when He looked on me, to take her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

away my reproach among people." and the power of the Highest will

2 Holy One who is to be born will be

6Now in the sixth month the angel overshadow you; therefore, also,
that

Gabriel was sent by God to a city of called the Son of God. Galilee
named Nazareth,

36Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative
has also conceived a son in her old age;

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and this is now the sixth month for her And my spirit has rejoiced in
God my

who was called barren. Savior.

37For with God nothing will be 48For He has regarded the lowly state
of impossible." His maidservant; For behold, henceforth

all generations will call me blessed.

3' Then Mary said, "Behold the

maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me 4 ' For He who is mighty has
done great according to your word." And the angel things for me, And
holy is His name. departed from her.

50And His mercy is on those who fear

3' Now Mary arose in those days and Him From generation to
generation. went into the hill country with haste, to a

city of Judah, 51He has shown strength with His arm;

He has scattered the proud in the

4 0

and entered the house of Zacharias imagination of their hearts.
and greeted Elizabeth.

52He has put down the mighty from their

4 heard how the Lord had shown great 6And Mary said: "My soul
magnifies the

mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

Lord, 5 7 9so it was, on the eighth day, that they 0As He spoke by the
mouth of His holy came to circumcise the child; and they prophets,
Who have been since the

would have called him by the name of world began, his father,
Zacharias.

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That we should be saved from our

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His mother answered and said, "No; enemies And from the hand of
all who

he shall be called John." hate us,

61 72

But they said to her, "There is no one To perform the mercy
promised to our

among your relatives who is called by fathers And to remember His
holy

this name." covenant,

6 7 23

So they made signs to his father--what The oath which He swore to
our father

he would have him called. Abraham:

6 74 3And he asked for a writing tablet, and

To grant us that we, Being delivered

wrote, saying, "His name is John." So from the hand of our enemies,

Might

they all marveled. serve Him without fear,

674 immediately his mouth was opened 5 n holiness and righteousness
before and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, Him all the days of our
life. praising God.

76 'And you, child, will be called the

65Then fear came on all who dwelt

prophet of the Highest; For you will go

around them; and all these sayings were before the face of the Lord to
prepare

discussed throughout all the hill country His ways, of Judea.

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6 people By the remission of their sins,

6And all those who heard them kept To give knowledge of salvation
to His

them in their hearts, saying, "What kind

of child will this be?" And the hand of the 78Through the tender mercy
of our God, Lord was with him. With which the Dayspring from on
high

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7Now his father Zacharias was filled has visited us;

with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, 7' To give light to those who sit
in saying: darkness and the shadow of death, To

guide our feet into the way of peace."

68a Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For

He has visited and redeemed His 80So the child grew and became
strong people, in spirit, and was in the deserts till the

day of his manifestation to Israel.

6 ' And has raised up a horn of salvation

for us In the house of His servant David,

For there is born to you this day in the

2 city of David a Savior, who is Christ the And it came to pass in those days

Lord.

that a decree went out from Caesar

Augustus that all the world should be 1 2And this will be the sign to you: You registered.

will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling

2 cloths, lying in a manger."

This census first took place while

Quirinius was governing Syria. 13And suddenly there was with the angel

3So all went to be registered, everyone a multitude of the heavenly host praising

to his own city. God and saying:

1 4 Glory to God in the highest, And on

4Joseph also went up from Galilee, out

of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

city of David, which is called Bethlehem, 1 5 because he was of the house and So it was, when the angels had gone lineage of David, away from them into heaven, that the

shepherds said to one another, "Let us

s now go to Bethlehem and see this thing to be registered with Mary,
his

betrothed wife, who was with child. that has come to pass, which the
Lord

has made known to us."

6So it was, that while they were there, 6

the days were completed for her to be 1 And they came with haste and
found

delivered. Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in

a manger.

7And she brought forth her firstborn Son, 7

and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, 1 Now when they had seen
Him, they

and laid Him in a manger, because made widely known the saying
which

there was no room for them in the inn. was told them concerning this
Child.

8 1 ' And all those who heard it marveled at

Now there were in the same country

shepherds living out in the fields, those things which were told them
by

keeping watch over their flock by night. the shepherds.

1 ' But Mary kept all these things and

'And behold, an angel of the Lord stood

before them, and the glory of the Lord pondered them in her heart.

shone around them, and they were 2 0Then the shepherds returned,
greatly afraid.

glorifying and praising God for all the

10Then the angel said to them, "Do not

things that they had heard and seen, as

be afraid, for behold, I bring you good it was told them. tidings of
great joy which will be to all

people.

21 31Which You have prepared before the

And when eight days were completed

for the circumcision of the Child, His face of all peoples, name was
called JESUS, the name

given by the angel before He was 32 A light to bring revelation to the
conceived in the womb. Gentiles, And the glory of Your people

Israel."

22

Now when the days of her purification

according to the law of Moses were 33 And Joseph and His mother
marveled completed, they brought Him to at those things which were
spoken of Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord Him.

23(4Then Simeon blessed them, and said

as it is written in the law of the Lord, 3

"Every male who opens the womb shall to Mary His mother, "Behold,
this Child

be called holy to the LORD"), is destined for the fall and rising of
many

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and to offer a sacrifice according to spoken against

what is said in the law of the Lord, "A

pair of turtledoves or two young 35(yes, a sword will pierce through
your pigeons." own soul also), that the thoughts of

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5And behold, there was a man in many hearts may be revealed."

Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, 36Now there was one, Anna, a

and this man was just and devout, prophetess, the daughter of
Phanuel, of

waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the tribe of Asher. She was
of a great

the Holy Spirit was upon him. age, and had lived with a husband

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6And it had been revealed to him by the seven years from her
virginity;

Holy Spirit that he would not see death 37 and this woman was a
widow of about before he had seen the Lord's Christ. eighty-four
years, who did not depart

from the temple, but served God with

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So he came by the Spirit into the fastings and prayers night and day.

temple. And when the parents brought

in the Child Jesus, to do for Him 3' And coming in that instant she
gave

according to the custom of the law, thanks to the Lord, and spoke of
Him to

2 Jerusalem.

8he took Him up in his arms and all those who looked for
redemption in

blessed God and said:

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So when they had performed all things

29 'Lord, now You are letting Your

according to the law of the Lord, they

servant depart in peace, According to returned to Galilee, to their own
city,

Your word; Nazareth.

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For my eyes have seen Your salvation 4 5 0And the Child grew and
became 0But they did not understand the strong in spirit, filled with
wisdom; and statement which He spoke to them. the grace of God
was upon Him.

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Then He went down with them and

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His parents went to Jerusalem every came to Nazareth, and was
subject to

year at the Feast of the Passover. them, but His mother kept all these
things in her heart.

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And when He was twelve years old,

they went up to Jerusalem according to And Jesus increased in wisdom and

the custom of the feast. stature, and in favor with God and men.

43When they had finished the days, as

they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered 3Now in the fifteenth year of the reign

behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and

of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being

His mother did not know it;

governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch

4 of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of 4 but supposing Him to have been in the Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and company, they went a day's journey, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,

and sought Him among their relatives

and acquaintances. 2

while Annas and Caiaphas were high

4 priests, the word of God came to John

5 So when they did not find Him, they the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

4 3And he went into all the region around

6Now so it was that after three days the Jordan, preaching a baptism of

they found Him in the temple, sitting in repentance for the remission of sins,

the midst of the teachers, both listening

to them and asking them questions. 4 as it is written in the book of the words

4 of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice 7 And all who heard Him were of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare

astonished at His understanding and the way of the LORD; Make His paths

answers. straight.

4 5 8 So when they saw Him, they were Every valley shall be filled And every amazed; and His mother said to Him, mountain and hill brought low; The

"Son, why have You done this to us? crooked places shall be made straight

Look, Your father and I have sought You And the rough ways smooth; anxiously."

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of

4' And He said to them, "Why did you God." seek Me? Did you not know that I must

be about My Father's business?" 7Then he said to the multitudes that

came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from am not worthy to loose. He will baptize

the wrath to come? you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

8 17

Therefore bear fruits worthy of His winnowing fan is in His hand, and repentance, and do not begin to say to He will thoroughly clean out His

yourselves, "We have Abraham as our threshing floor, and gather the wheat

father.' For I say to you that God is able into His barn; but the chaff
He will burn

to raise up children to Abraham from with unquenchable fire." these
stones.

1 8And with many other exhortations he

'And even now the ax is laid to the root preached to the people. of the
trees. Therefore every tree which

does not bear good fruit is cut down and 1 ' But Herod the tetrarch,
being rebuked thrown into the fire." by him concerning Herodias, his
brother

Philip's wife, and for all the evils which

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So the people asked him, saying, Herod had done,
"What shall we do then?"

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also added this, above all, that he shut

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He answered and said to them, "He John up in prison.

who has two tunics, let him give to him

who has none; and he who has food, let 2 1

When all the people were baptized, it
him do likewise." came to pass that Jesus also was

baptized; and while He prayed, the

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Then tax collectors also came to be heaven was opened.

baptized, and said to him, "Teacher,

what shall we do?" 2 2

And the Holy Spirit descended in

bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a

13 And he said to them, "Collect no more voice came from heaven
which said,

than what is appointed for you." "You are My beloved Son; in You I
am

well pleased."

14 Likewise the soldiers asked him,

saying, "And what shall we do?" So he 2 3 Now Jesus Himself began His
ministry said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone at about thirty years
of age, being (as

or accuse falsely, and be content with was supposed) the son of
Joseph, the

your wages." son of Heli,

1 24 5 Now as the people were in expectation,

the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the

and all reasoned in their hearts about son of Melchi, the son of Janna,
the son

John, whether he was the Christ or not, of Joseph,

1 2 6 5 the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos,

John answered, saying to all, "I indeed

baptize you with water; but One mightier the son of Nahum, the son
of Esli, the

than I is coming, whose sandal strap I son of Naggai, 26 he son of
Maath, the son of 37 the son of Methuselah, the son of

Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the

son of

Joseph, the son of Judah, Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,

2 7 he son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, 38

the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the

the son of Zerubbabel, the son of son of Adam, the son of God.
Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

2' the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the 4Then Jesus, being filled with
the Holy

son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the

Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was

son of Er,

led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 ' the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the

2 being tempted for forty days by the

son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son

of Levi, and afterward, when they had ended, devil. And in those days
He ate nothing,

3 He was hungry. 0 he son of Simeon, the son of Judah,

the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the 3And the devil said to Him, "If
You are

son of Eliakim,

the Son of God, command this stone to

3 become bread." 1 he son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of
Mattathah, the son of Nathan, 4

the son of David, written, "Man shall not live by bread But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is

3 alone, but by every word of God.' 2 he son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son 5

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high of Nahshon,

mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms 33 he son of Amminadab, the son of of the world in a moment of time.

Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of 6And the devil said to Him, "All this

Perez, the son of Judah, authority I will give You, and their glory;

3 for this has been delivered to me, and I 4 he son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the

give it to whomever I wish.

son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the

son of Nahor, 7Therefore, if You will worship before me,

3 all will be Yours." 5 he son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of 8

And Jesus answered and said to him, Shelah, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written,

3 "You shall worship the LORD your God, 6 he son of Cainan, the son of

and Him only you shall serve."

Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of

Noah, the son of Lamech, "Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set

liberty to the captives And recovery of

Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and sight to the blind, To set at liberty those

said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, who are oppressed; throw Yourself down from here.

1 ' To proclaim the acceptable year of the

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For it is written: "He shall give His LORD."

angels charge over you, To keep you,'

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Then He closed the book, and gave it

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and, "In their hands they shall bear back to the attendant and sat down. And

you up, Lest you dash your foot against the eyes of all who were in the a stone." synagogue were fixed on Him.

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And Jesus answered and said to him, And He began to say to them, "Today

"It has been said, "You shall not tempt this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

the LORD your God."

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1 marveled at the gracious words which

3Now when the devil had ended every So all bore witness to Him, and temptation, he departed from Him until proceeded out of His mouth. And they

an opportune time. said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

1 2 4 3 He said to them, "You will surely say

Then Jesus returned in the power of
the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him this proverb to Me, "Physician,
heal

went out through all the surrounding yourself! Whatever we have
heard done

region. in Capernaum, do also here in Your
country."

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And He taught in their synagogues,
2 4
being glorified by all. Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you,
no prophet is accepted in his own

16 So He came to Nazareth, where He
country.

had been brought up. And as His 5 But I tell you truly, many widows
were

custom 2 was, He went into the
synagogue on the Sabbath day, and in Israel in the days of Elijah,
when the

stood up to read. heaven was shut up three years and six
months, and there was a great famine

17 And He was handed the book of the

throughout all the land;

prophet Isaiah. And when He had

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opened the book, He found the place but to none of them was Elijah sent

where it was written: except to Zarephath, in the region of

Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

18§'The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,

2 7

Because He has anointed Me To preach And many lepers were in Israel in the

the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me time of Elisha the prophet, and none of

to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim them was cleansed except Naaman the 37And the report about Him went out into

Syrian." every place in the surrounding region.

2' So all those in the synagogue, when 38Now He arose from the synagogue

they heard these things, were filled with and entered Simon's house. But

wrath, Simon's wife's mother was sick with a

high fever, and they made request of

2 Him concerning her. ' and rose up and thrust Him out of the

hill on which their city was built, that He stood over her and rebuked the 39So city; and they led Him to the brow of the

they might throw Him down over the cliff. fever, and it left her. And

immediately

she arose and served them.

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Then passing through the midst of 0When the sun was setting, all those

them, He went His way. 4

who had any that were sick with various

31 diseases brought them to Him; and He

Then He went down to Capernaum, a

city of Galilee, and was teaching them laid His hands on every one of them and

on the Sabbaths. healed them.

32And they were astonished at His 4 1And demons also came out of many, teaching, for His word was with authority. crying out and saying, "You are the

Christ, the Son of God!" And He,

33 rebuking them, did not allow them to Now in the synagogue there was a speak, for they knew that He was the man who had a spirit of an unclean Christ. demon. And he cried out with a loud

voice, 4 2Now when it was day, He departed

34saying, "Let us alone! What have we to and went into a deserted place. And the

crowd sought Him and came to Him,

do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did

and tried to keep Him from leaving

You come to destroy us? I know who

You are--the Holy One of God!" them;

35 but He said to them, "I must preach But Jesus rebuked him, saying,
"Be 4 3

quiet, and come out of him!" And when the kingdom of God to the
other cities

the demon had thrown him in their midst, also, because for this
purpose I have

it came out of him and did not hurt him. been sent."

3 And He was preaching in the

6Then they were all amazed and spoke 44

among themselves, saying, "What a synagogues of Galilee. word this
is! For with authority and

power He commands the unclean spirits,

and they come out."

with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon,

5So it was, as the multitude pressed "Do not be afraid. From now on
you will

catch men."

about Him to hear the word of God, that

He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 1 1So when they had brought
their boats 2 to land, they forsook all and followed

and saw two boats standing by the

Him.

lake; but the fishermen had gone from

them and were washing their nets. ¹²And it happened when He was in a

³Then He got into one of the boats, certain city, that behold, a man who was

full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on which was Simon's, and asked him to

his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, put out a little from the land. And He sat

if You are willing, You can make me down and taught the multitudes from the boat. clean."

¹ ³Then He put out His hand and touched ⁴When He had stopped speaking, He

said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed."

and let down your nets for a catch." Immediately the leprosy left him.

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⁵ And He charged him to tell no one, But Simon answered and said to Him,

"Master, we have toiled all night and "But go and show yourself to the priest,

caught nothing; nevertheless at Your and make an offering for your cleansing,

word I will let down the net." as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."

6And when they had done this, they 5However, the report went around

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caught a great number of fish, and their

net was breaking. concerning Him all the more; and great

multitudes came together to hear, and to

7 be healed by Him of their infirmities.

So they signaled to their partners in the

other boat to come and help them. And 1 6So He Himself often withdrew into the they came and filled both the boats, so wilderness and prayed. that they began to sink.

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8 Now it happened on a certain day, as

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down

at Jesus' He was teaching, that there were

knees, saying, "Depart from

me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting

by, who had come out of every town of

Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the

'For he and all who were with him were

power of the Lord was present to heal

astonished at the catch of fish which

them.

they had taken;

and so also were James and John, the
sons of Zebedee, who were partners

1 2 7

' Then behold, men brought on a bed a After these things He went out
and

man who was paralyzed, whom they saw a tax collector named Levi,
sitting at

sought to bring in and lay before Him. the tax office. And He said to
him,

"Follow Me."

1 ' And when they could not find how they

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might bring him in, because of the crowd, So he left all, rose up, and
followed

they went up on the housetop and let Him. him down with his bed
through the tiling

into the midst before Jesus. 2 ' Then Levi gave Him a great feast in

2 number of tax collectors and others who

0When He saw their faith, He said to his own house. And there were a
great

him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." sat down with them.

21And the scribes and the Pharisees 30And their scribes and the
Pharisees

began to reason, saying, "Who is this complained against His disciples,
saying,

who speaks blasphemies? Who can "Why do You eat and drink with tax

forgive sins but God alone?" collectors and sinners?"

22 31 Jesus answered and said to them,

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a

"Why are you reasoning in your hearts? physician, but those who are sick.

23 3 Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are 2 have not come to call the righteous,

forgiven you,' or to say, "Rise up and but sinners, to repentance." walk'?

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Then they said to Him, "Why do the

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But that you may know that the Son of disciples of John fast often and make

Man has power on earth to forgive sins"- prayers, and likewise those of the

-He said to the man who was paralyzed, Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"

"I say to you, arise, take up your bed,

and go to your house." 34 And He said to them, "Can you make

2 the bridegroom is with them?

5 immediately he rose up before them, the friends of the bridegroom fast while

took up what he had been lying on, and

departed to his own house, glorifying 35But the days will come when the

God. bridegroom will be taken away from

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6And they were all amazed, and they them; then they will fast in those days."

glorified God and were filled with fear, 36Then He spoke a parable to them: "No saying, "We have seen strange things one puts a piece from a new garment on

today!" an old one; otherwise the new makes a

tear, and also the piece that was taken

out of the new does not match the old.

37And no one puts new wine into old the Sabbath, that they might find an

wineskins; or else the new wine will accusation against Him. burst the wineskins and be spilled, and

the wineskins will be ruined. 8But He knew their thoughts, and said to

the man who had the withered hand,

3' But new wine must be put into new "Arise and stand here." And he arose

wineskins, and both are preserved. and stood.

3 no one, having drunk old wine, ' And 'Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you immediately desires new; for he says, one thing: 1s it lawful on the Sabbath to

"The old is better." do good or to do evil, to save life or to

destroy?"

6Now it happened on the second ¹ 0And when He had looked around
at

Sabbath after the first that He went them all, He said to the man,
"Stretch

through out your hand." And he did so, and his the grainfields. And
His

disciples plucked the heads of grain and hand was restored as whole
as the

ate them, rubbing them in their hands. other.

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² But they were filled with rage, and And some of the Pharisees said to
them, "Why are you doing what is not discussed with one another
what they

lawful to do on the Sabbath?" might do to Jesus.

3But Jesus answering them said, "Have ¹ 2

Now it came to pass in those days that

you not even read this, what David did He went out to the mountain
to pray,

when he was hungry, he and those who and continued all night in
prayer to God.

were with him:

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And when it was day, He called His

⁴ disciples to Himself; and from them He how he went into the house
of God,

took and ate the showbread, and also chose twelve whom He also named

gave some to those with him, which is apostles:

not lawful for any but the priests to eat?" ¹ 4 Simon, whom He also named Peter,

⁵ and Andrew his brother; James and And He said to them, "The Son of Man

is also Lord of the Sabbath." John; Philip and Bartholomew;

¹ 5 Matthew and Thomas; James the son

⁶ Now it happened on another Sabbath,

also, that He entered the synagogue of Alphaeus, and Simon called the and taught. And a man was there whose Zealot; right hand was withered.

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Judas the son of James, and Judas

⁷ Iscariot who also became a traitor. So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on ¹ ² ⁷ 6 Woe to you when all men speak well

And He came down with them and

stood on a level place with a crowd of of you, For so did their fathers to the

His disciples and a great multitude of false prophets. people from all Judea and Jerusalem,

and from the seacoast of Tyre and ² ⁷ But I say to you who hear: Love your Sidon, who came to hear Him and be enemies, do good to those who hate

healed of their diseases, you,

1 2 8 8 as well as those who were tormented bless those who curse you, and pray with unclean spirits. And they were for those who spitefully use you. healed.

2 ' To him who strikes you on the one

19 And the whole multitude sought to cheek, offer the other also. And from

touch Him, for power went out from Him him who takes away your cloak, do not

and healed them all. withhold your tunic either.

2 3 0 0 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His Give to everyone who asks of you. disciples, and said: "Blessed are you And from him who takes away your

poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. goods do not ask them back.

21Blessed are you who hunger now, For 31And just as you want men to do to you,

you shall be filled. Blessed are you who you also do to them likewise. weep now, For you shall laugh.

2 what credit is that to you? For even

2Blessed are you when men hate you, 3 2 'But if you love those who love you,

And when they exclude you, And revile sinners love those who love them. you, and cast out your name as evil, For

the Son of Man's sake. 33And if you do good to those who do

2 good to you, what credit is that to you? 3Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!

For even sinners do the same.

For indeed your reward is great in

heaven, For in like manner their fathers 34 And if you lend to those
from whom

did to the prophets.

you hope to receive back, what credit is

2 that to you? For even sinners lend to 4 But woe to you who are
rich, For you

sinners to receive as much back.

have received your consolation.

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2 But love your enemies, do good, and 5 Woe to you who are full, For
you shall

lend, hoping for nothing in return; and

hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For your reward will be great,
and you will

you shall mourn and weep. be sons of the Most High. For He is kind

to the unthankful and evil.

3 4 6 Therefore be merciful, just as your 5 A good man out of the good
treasure Father also is merciful. of his heart brings forth good; and an

evil man out of the evil treasure of his

37 heart brings forth evil. For out of the

'Judge not, and you shall not be

judged. Condemn not, and you shall not abundance of the heart his
mouth

be condemned. Forgive, and you will be speaks. forgiven.

4 6 'But why do you call Me "Lord, Lord,"

38 and not do the things which I say?

Give, and it will be given to you: good

measure, pressed down, shaken

together, and running over will be put 47Whoever comes to Me, and hears My into your bosom. For with the same sayings and does them, I will show you

measure that you use, it will be whom he is like: measured back to you."

4' He is like a man building a house, who

3 ' And He spoke a parable to them: "Can dug deep and laid the foundation on the

the blind lead the blind? Will they not rock. And when the flood arose, the

both fall into the ditch? stream beat vehemently against that

house, and could not shake it, for it was

40A disciple is not above his teacher, but

founded on the rock.

everyone who is perfectly trained will be

like his teacher. 4' But he who heard and did nothing is

like a man who built a house on the

41 earth without a foundation, against

And why do you look at the speck in

your brother's eye, but do not perceive which the stream beat vehemently; and

the plank in your own eye? immediately it fell. And the ruin of that

house was great."

Or how can you say to your brother,

"Brother, let me remove the speck that

is in your eye,' when you yourself do not 7Now when He concluded all His

see the plank that is in your own eye? sayings in the hearing of the people, He

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from entered Capernaum. your own eye, and then you will see

clearly to remove the speck that is in 2And a certain centurion's servant, who your brother's eye.

was dear to him, was sick and ready to

4 die. 3 'For a good tree does not bear bad

fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 3

So when he heard about Jesus, he sent

4 elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with 4 For every tree is known by its own fruit. Him to come and heal his servant.

For men do not gather figs from thorns,

nor do they gather grapes from a 4

And when they came to Jesus, they

bramble bush. begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was 13When the Lord saw her, He had deserving, compassion on her and said to her, "Do

not weep."

5 for he loves our nation, and has built

1 4

us a synagogue." Then He came and touched the open

coffin, and those who carried him stood

6 still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, Then Jesus went with them.
And when

He was already not far from the house, you, arise." the centurion sent
friends to Him, saying

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to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, So he who was dead sat up and
for I am not worthy that You should begin to speak. And He presented
him

enter under my roof. to his mother.

71 Therefore I did not even think myself 6 Then fear came upon all,
and they worthy to come to You. But say the word, glorified God,
saying, "A great prophet

and my servant will be healed. has risen up among us"; and, "God has

visited His people."

'For I also am a man placed under

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authority, having soldiers under me. And And this report about Him
went

I say to one, "Go," and he goes; and to throughout all Judea and all the
another, "Come," and he comes; and to surrounding region. my
servant, "Do this," and he does it."

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Then the disciples of John reported to

'When Jesus heard these things, He him concerning all these things.
marveled at him, and turned around and

said to the crowd that followed Him, "I 1' And John, calling two of his

disciples say to you, I have not found such great to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, "Are

faith, not even in Israel!" You the Coming One, or do we look for

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0And those who were sent, returning to another?"

the house, found the servant well who 2 0When the men had come to Him, they had been sick. said, "John the Baptist has sent us to

You, saying, "Are You the Coming One,

11 Now it happened, the day after, that or do we look for another?"
He went into a city called Nain; and

many of His disciples went with Him, 21And that very hour He cured many of and a large crowd. infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits;

and to many blind He gave sight.

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And when He came near the gate of

the city, behold, a dead man was being 2 2Jesus answered and said to them, "Go carried out, the only son of his mother; and tell John the things you have seen

and she was a widow. And a large and heard: that the blind see, the lame

crowd from the city was with her. walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have 31And the Lord said, "To what then shall

the gospel preached to them. I liken the men of this generation, and

what are they like?

23And blessed is he who is not offended

32

because of Me." They are like children sitting in the

marketplace and calling to one another,

24 saying: "We played the flute for you,

When the messengers of John had

departed, He began to speak to the And you did not dance; We
mourned to

multitudes concerning John: "What did you, And you did not weep.'

you go out into the wilderness to see? A 33For John the Baptist came
neither

reed shaken by the wind?

eating bread nor drinking wine, and you

25 say, "He has a demon.'

But what did you go out to see? A man

clothed in soft garments? Indeed those

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who are gorgeously appareled and live The Son of Man has come
eating and

in luxury are in kings' courts. drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton

and a winebibber, a friend of tax

26But what did you go out to see? A

collectors and sinners!"

prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more 35But

than a prophet. wisdom is justified by all her

children."

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This is he of whom it is written:

"Behold, I send My messenger before Then one of the Pharisees asked Him

Your face, Who will prepare Your way to eat with him. And He went to the

before You.' Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

2 37

' For I say to you, among those born of And behold, a woman in the city who

women there is not a greater prophet was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus

than John the Baptist; but he who is sat at the table in the Pharisee's house,

least in the kingdom of God is greater brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

than he."

3' and stood at His feet behind Him

2' And when all the people heard Him, weeping; and she began to wash His

even the tax collectors justified God, feet with her tears, and wiped them with

having been baptized with the baptism the hair of her head; and she kissed His

of John. feet and anointed them with the fragrant

30But the Pharisees and lawyers

rejected the will of God for themselves, 3' Now when the Pharisee who had

not having been baptized by him. invited Him saw this, he spoke to

himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a

prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is 4'
And those who sat at the table with touching Him, for she is a sinner."

Him began to say to themselves, "Who

is this who even forgives sins?"

40And Jesus answered and said to him,

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"Simon, I have something to say to you." Then He said to the woman,
"Your

So he said, "Teacher, say it." faith has saved you. Go in peace."

41§There was a certain creditor who had

two debtors. One owed five hundred 8Now it came to pass, afterward,
that

denarii, and the other fifty. He went through every city and village,

4 preaching and bringing the glad tidings 2And when they had nothing
with which

of the kingdom of God. And the twelve

to repay, he freely forgave them both. were with Him, Tell Me,
therefore, which of them will

love him more?" 2 and certain women who had been 4 healed of evil
spirits and infirmities--

3 Simon answered and said, "I suppose Mary called Magdalene, out of
whom

the one whom he forgave more." And had come seven demons, He
said to him, "You have rightly

judged." h and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's

4 steward, and Susanna, and many others 4 Then He turned to the woman and who provided for Him from their

said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? substance. I entered your house; you gave Me no

water for My feet, but she has washed 4And when a great multitude had My feet with her tears and wiped them gathered, and they had come to Him

with the hair of her head. from every city, He spoke by a parable:

45 ou gave Me no kiss, but this woman

5 A sower went out to sow his seed. And

has not ceased to kiss My feet since the as he sowed, some fell by the wayside;

time I came in. and it was trampled down, and the birds

4 of the air devoured it. 6 ou did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet 6

Some fell on rock; and as soon as it

with fragrant oil.

sprang up, it withered away because it

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7Therefore I say to you, her sins, which lacked moisture.

are many, are forgiven, for she loved 7And some fell among thorns, and the much. But to whom little is forgiven, the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

same loves little."

8But others fell on good ground, sprang

4' Then He said to her, "Your sins are up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold."

forgiven."

When He had said these things He cried, For nothing is secret that will not be

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" revealed, nor anything hidden that will

not be known and come to light.

"Then His disciples asked Him, saying, 8Therefore take heed how you hear.

"What does this parable mean?" 1

For whoever has, to him more will be

10 given; and whoever does not have, even

And He said, "To you it has been given

to know the mysteries of the kingdom of what he seems to have will be taken

God, but to the rest it is given in from him." parables, that "Seeing they may not see,

And hearing they may not 1 understand." Then His mother and brothers came to

Him, and could not approach Him

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is

because of the crowd.

the word of God. 0And it was told Him by some, who said,

12 "Your mother and Your brothers are

Those by the wayside are the ones
who hear; then the devil comes and standing outside, desiring to see
You."

takes away the word out of their hearts,

2 1

lest they should believe and be saved. But He answered and said to
them,

"My mother and My brothers are these

13But the ones on the rock are those

who hear the word of God and do it."

who, when they hear, receive the word

2 2

with joy; and these have no root, who Now it happened, on a certain
day,

believe for a while and in time of that He got into a boat with His
disciples.

temptation fall away. And He said to them, "Let us cross over

to the other side of the lake." And they

14 launched out.

Now the ones that fell among thorns

are those who, when they have heard, 3But as they sailed He fell
asleep. And

go out and are choked with cares, riches, 2

and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit a windstorm came down on
the lake,

to maturity. and they were filling with water, and

were in jeopardy.

15 But the ones that fell on the good

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ground are those who, having heard the And they came to Him and
awoke Him,

word with a noble and good heart, keep saying, "Master, Master, we
are it and bear fruit with patience. perishing!" Then He arose and
rebuked

the wind and the raging of the water.

16 No one, when he has lit a lamp, And they ceased, and there was a
calm.

covers it with a vessel or puts it under a 5 But He said to them, "Where
is your

bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that 2

those who enter may see the light. faith?" And they were afraid, and

marveled, saying to one another, "Who

can this be? For He commands even

the winds and water, and they obey When those who fed them saw what

Him!" had happened, they fled and told it in

the city and in the country.

26 Then they sailed to the country of the

Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. Then they went out to see what had

happened, and came to Jesus, and

27 found the man from whom the demons

And when He stepped out on the land,

there met Him a certain man from the had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus,

city who had demons for a long time. clothed and in his right mind. And they

And he wore no clothes, nor did he live were afraid.

in a house but in the tombs. 6 They also who had seen it told them

28 by what means he who had been

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell

down before Him, and with a loud voice demon-possessed was healed. said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus,

Son of the Most High God? I beg You, Then the whole multitude of the

do not torment me!" surrounding region of the Gadarenes

asked Him to depart from them, for they

29For He had commanded the unclean

were seized with great fear. And He got

spirit to come out of the man. For it had into the boat and returned.

often seized him, and he was kept under 38Now the man from whom
the demons

guard, bound with chains and shackles;

and he broke the bonds and was driven had departed begged Him that
he might

by the demon into the wilderness. be with Him. But Jesus sent him
away,

saying,

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Jesus asked him, saying, "What is 3" Return to your own house, and
tell

your name?" And he said, "Legion,"

because many demons had entered him. what great things God has
done for

you." And he went his way and

31And they begged Him that He would

proclaimed throughout the whole city

not command them to go out into the what great things Jesus had
done for

abyss. him.

32Now a herd of many swine was 40

So it was, when Jesus returned, that
feeding there on the mountain. So they the multitude welcomed Him,
for they
begged Him that He would permit them were all waiting for Him. to
enter them. And He permitted them.

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And behold, there came a man named
33Then the demons went out of the man Jairus, and he was a ruler of
the

and entered the swine, and the herd ran synagogue. And he fell down
at Jesus'

violently down the steep place into the feet and begged Him to come
to his

lake and drowned. house, 4 5 2 or he had an only daughter about 0But
when Jesus heard it, He answered twelve years of age, and she was
dying. him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only

But as He went, the multitudes thronged believe, and she will be made
well." Him.

5 1

When He came into the house, He

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Now a woman, having a flow of blood permitted no one to go in
except Peter,

for twelve years, who had spent all her James, and John, and the
father and

livelihood on physicians and could not mother of the girl. be healed
by any,

52Now all wept and mourned for her; but

came from behind and touched the He said, "Do not weep; she is not dead,

border of His garment. And immediately but sleeping." her flow of blood stopped.

53And they ridiculed Him, knowing that

45And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?"

she was dead.

When all denied it, Peter and those with

him said, "Master, the multitudes throng 54But He put them all outside, took her and press You, and You say, "Who by the hand and called, saying, "Little

touched Me?" girl, arise."

46But Jesus said, "Somebody touched 5Then her spirit returned, and she

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Me, for I perceived power going out from arose immediately. And He commanded

Me." that she be given something to eat.

4 5 Now when the woman saw that she 6And her parents were astonished, but 7

was not hidden, she came trembling; He charged them to tell no one what

and falling down before Him, she had happened. declared to Him in the presence of all

the people the reason she had touched

Him and how she was healed

immediately. ⁹Then He called His twelve disciples

together and gave them power and

⁴ authority over all demons, and to cure ' And He said to her,
"Daughter, be of

diseases.

good cheer; your faith has made you

well. Go in peace." ² He sent them to preach the kingdom of

⁴ God and to heal the sick. '

While He was still speaking, someone

came from the ruler of the synagogue's ³And He said to them, "Take
nothing for house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not
trouble the Teacher." the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor

bread nor money; and do not have two
tunics apiece.

^{4 1} Whatever house you enter, stay there, ³But He said to them, "You
give them and from there depart. something to eat." And they said,
"We

have no more than five loaves and two

⁵ fish, unless we go and buy food for all And whoever will not receive
you, when

you go out of that city, shake off the very these people." dust from
your feet as a testimony

^{1 4}

against them." For there were about five thousand

men. Then He said to His disciples,

6 "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." So they departed and went through the

towns, preaching the gospel and healing 5 And they did so, and made them all sit

everywhere. 1

down.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that 6 Then He took the five loaves and the

was done by Him; and he was 1

perplexed, because it was said by some two fish, and looking up to heaven, He

that John had risen from the dead, blessed and broke them, and gave them

to the disciples to set before the

'and by some that Elijah had appeared, multitude. and by others that one of the old

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prophets had risen again. So they all ate and were filled, and

twelve baskets of the leftover fragments

'Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but were taken up by them. who is this of whom I hear such things?"

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So he sought to see Him. And it happened, as He was alone

praying, that His disciples joined Him,

10 and He asked them, saying, "Who do

And the apostles, when they had

returned, told Him all that they had done. the crowds say that I am?"
Then He took them and went aside

privately into a deserted place belonging ¹ So they answered and said,
"John the to the city called Bethsaida. Baptist, but some say Elijah;
and others

say that one of the old prophets has

¹¹But when the multitudes knew it, they

risen again."

followed Him; and He received them ⁰He said to them, "But who do
you say

and spoke to them about the kingdom of ²

God, and healed those who had need of that I am?" Peter answered
and said,

healing. "The Christ of God."

^{1 2} 21

When the day began to wear away, And He strictly warned and
the twelve came and said to Him, "Send commanded them to tell this
to no one,

the multitude away, that they may go

into the surrounding towns and country, ² 2saying, "The Son of Man
must suffer and lodge and get provisions; for we are many things, and
be rejected by the in a deserted place here."

elders and chief priests and scribes, and ³²But Peter and those with
him were

be killed, and be raised the third day." heavy with sleep; and when
they were

fully awake, they saw His glory and the

²³Then He said to them all, "If anyone

two men who stood with Him.

himself, and take up his cross daily, and 33 it happened, as they were
Then desires to come after Me, let him deny

follow Me. parting from Him, that Peter said to

Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be

24 here; and let us make three tabernacles:

For whoever desires to save his life

will lose it, but whoever loses his life for one for You, one for Moses,
and one for

My sake will save it. Elijah"--not knowing what he said.

2 34 5While he was saying this, a cloud For what profit is it to a man if
he gains the whole world, and is himself came and overshadowed
them; and

destroyed or lost? they were fearful as they entered the

cloud.

26For whoever is ashamed of Me and

My words, of him the Son of Man will be And a voice came out of the
cloud, 35

ashamed when He comes in His own saying, "This is My beloved Son.
Hear

glory, and in His Father's, and of the Him!"

holy angels. 6When the voice had ceased, Jesus

27 was found alone. But they kept quiet,

But I tell you truly, there are some
standing here who shall not taste death and told no one in those days
any of the
till they see the kingdom of God." things they had seen.

2 37Now it happened on the next day,

' Now it came to pass, about eight days

after these sayings, that He took Peter, when they had come down
from the

John, and James and went up on the mountain, that a great multitude
met

mountain to pray. Him.

2' As He prayed, the appearance of His 38Suddenly a man from the
multitude

face was altered, and His robe became cried out, saying, "Teacher, I
implore

white and glistening. You, look on my son, for he is my only

child.

30And behold, two men talked with Him, 3' And behold, a spirit seizes
him, and he who were Moses and Elijah,

suddenly cries out; it convulses him so

31who appeared in glory and spoke of that he foams at the mouth;
and it departs from him with great difficulty, His decease which He
was about to bruising him. accomplish at Jerusalem. 40So I
implored Your disciples to cast it

Your name, and we forbade him

out, but they could not." because he does not follow with us."

45 10 But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid

Then Jesus answered and said, "O

faithless and perverse generation, how long will you believe in me who is not against
us is on

long shall I be with you and bear with your side." you? Bring your son
here."

5 1

Now it came to pass, when the time

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And as he was still coming, the demon had come for Him to be
received up,

threw him down and convulsed him. that He steadfastly set His face to
go to

Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, Jerusalem, healed the child,
and gave him back to

his father. 52 and sent messengers before His face.

4 of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.

3 And they were all amazed at the And as they went, they entered a
village

majesty of God. But while everyone

marveled at all the things which Jesus 53 But they did not receive Him,
because did, He said to His disciples, His face was set for the journey
to

Jerusalem.

'Let these words sink down into your
 ears, for the Son of Man is about to be ⁵⁴ And when His disciples
 James and betrayed into the hands of men." John saw this, they said,
 "Lord, do You
 want us to command fire to come down

⁴ 5

But they did not understand this saying, from heaven and consume
 them, just as
 and it was hidden from them so that Elijah did?" they did not perceive
 it; and they were
 afraid to ask Him about this saying. ⁵ 5

But He turned and rebuked them, and

⁴ spirit you are of.

⁶ Then a dispute arose among them as said, "You do not know what
 manner of

to which of them would be greatest.

⁵⁶ For the Son of Man did not come to

⁴⁷ And Jesus, perceiving the thought of destroy men's lives but to save
 them."

their heart, took a little child and set him And they went to another
 village. by Him,

⁵⁷ Now it happened as they journeyed on

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and said to them, "Whoever receives the road, that someone said to
 Him,

this little child in My name receives Me; "Lord, I will follow You

wherever You

and whoever receives Me receives Him go." who sent Me. For he who is least among

you all will be great." 58And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have

4 but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay

9Now John answered and said, "Master, holes and birds of the air have nests,

we saw someone casting out demons in His head."

5 7 9Then He said to another, "Follow Me."

And remain in the same house, eating

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and and drinking such things as they give,

bury my father." for the laborer is worthy of his wages.

Do not go from house to house.

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Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury

their own dead, but you go and preach 8Whatever city you enter, and they the kingdom of God." receive you, eat such things as are set

before you.

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And another also said, "Lord, I will

follow You, but let me first go and bid 'And heal the sick there, and say to

them farewell who are at my house." them, "The kingdom of God has come

near to you.'

But Jesus said to him, "No one, having entered, and they

put his hand to the plow, and looking

back, is fit for the kingdom of God." do not receive you, go out into its streets

and say,

1 1 1§The very dust of your city which clings OAfter these things the Lord

to us we wipe off against you.

appointed seventy others also, and sent

Nevertheless know this, that the

them two by two before His face into

kingdom of God has come near you.'

every city and place where He Himself

was about to go. 12But I say to you that it will be more 2 tolerable in that Day for Sodom than for

Then He said to them, "The harvest

truly is great, but the laborers are few; that city.

therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to 13 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, send out laborers into His harvest.

Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which

3Go your way; behold, I send you out as were done in you had been done in Tyre

and Sidon, they would have repented

lambs among wolves.

long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴Carry neither money bag, knapsack, ⁴But it will be more tolerable for Tyre

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nor sandals; and greet no one along the road. and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

1 ⁵And you, Capernaum, who are exalted

⁵But whatever house you enter, first say,

"Peace to this house." to heaven, will be brought down to

Hades.

⁶And if a son of peace is there, your ⁶He who hears you hears Me, he who

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peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to you. rejects you rejects Me, and he who

rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

1 ² ⁷ ⁵And behold, a certain lawyer stood up

Then the seventy returned with joy,

saying, "Lord, even the demons are and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what

subject to us in Your name." shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

' And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall He said to him, "What is written in the

like lightning from heaven. law? What is your reading of it?"

127 ' Behold,

I give you the authority to So he answered and said, You shall trample on serpents and scorpions, and love the LORD your God with all your

over all the power of the enemy, and heart, with all your soul, with all your

nothing shall by any means hurt you. strength, and with all your mind,' and

"your neighbor as yourself."

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Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that

the spirits are subject to you, but rather 2' And He said to him, "You have rejoice because your names are written answered rightly; do this and you will

in heaven." live."

22 1 n that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit

' But he, wanting to justify himself, said

and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

heaven and earth, that You have hidden

these things from the wise and prudent 30Then Jesus answered and said: "A and revealed them to babes. Even so, certain man went down

from Jerusalem

Father, for so it seemed good in Your to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who

sight. stripped him of his clothing, wounded

him, and departed, leaving him half

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All things have been delivered to Me dead.

by My Father, and no one knows who

the Son is except the Father, and who 31 Now by chance a certain priest came the Father is except the Son, and the down that road. And when he saw him,

one to whom the Son wills to reveal he passed by on the other side. Him."

32Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at

23Then He turned to His disciples and

the place, came and looked, and passed

said privately, "Blessed are the eyes by on the other side. which see the things you see;

2 33But a certain Samaritan, as he 4F or I tell you that many prophets and journeyed, came where he was. And

kings have desired to see what you see, when he saw him, he had compassion.

and have not seen it, and to hear what

you hear, and have not heard it." 34 So he went to him and bandaged his

wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he

set him on his own animal, brought him

to an inn, and took care of him.

35On the next day, when he departed, Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John

he took out two denarii, gave them to also taught his disciples." the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take

care of him; and whatever more you 2 So He said to them, "When you pray, spend, when I come again, I will repay say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be

you.' Your name. Your kingdom come. Your

36so will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

which of these three do you think

was neighbor to him who fell among the 3Give us day by day our daily bread. thieves?"

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7And he said, "He who showed mercy 4 And forgive us our sins, For we also

forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go And do not lead us into temptation, But

and do likewise." deliver us from the evil one."

38Now it happened as they went that He 5And He said to them, "Which of you entered a certain village; and a certain shall have a friend, and go to him at

woman named Martha welcomed Him midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend

into her house. me three loaves;

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who for a friend of mine has come to me on also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His his journey, and I have nothing to set

word. before him';

47 0 But Martha was distracted with much and he will answer from within and say, serving, and she approached Him and "Do not trouble me; the door is now shut,

said, "Lord, do You not care that my and my children are with me in bed; I

sister has left me to serve alone? cannot rise and give to you'? Therefore tell her to help me."

4

1 And Jesus answered and said to her, 8 1 say to you, though he will not rise and

give to him because he is his friend, yet

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and because of his persistence he will rise

troubled about many things. and give him as many as he needs.

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But one thing is needed, and Mary has "'So I say to you, ask, and it will be

chosen that good part, which will not be given to you; seek, and you will find;

taken away from her." knock, and it will be opened to you.

1 0 For everyone who asks receives, and

1 1 Now it came to pass, as He was he who seeks finds, and to him who

praying in a certain place, when He knocks it will be opened. ceased,
that one of His disciples said to ^{1 2 1 1} a son asks for bread from any
father When a strong man, fully armed, among you, will he give him a
stone? Or guards his own palace, his goods are in

if he asks for a fish, will he give him a peace. serpent instead of a fish?

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But when a stronger than he comes

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Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer upon him and overcomes him,
he takes

him a scorpion? from him all his armor in which he

trusted, and divides his spoils.

¹³ you then, being evil, know how to

give good gifts to your children, how ^{2 3}He who is not with Me is
against Me, much more will your heavenly Father and he who does
not gather with Me

give the Holy Spirit to those who ask scatters. Him!"

²⁴⁴ When an unclean spirit goes out of a

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And He was casting out a demon, and man, he goes through dry
places,

it was mute. So it was, when the demon seeking rest; and finding
none, he says,

had gone out, that the mute spoke; and "I will return to my house
from which I

the multitudes marveled. came.'

^{1 2 5}But some of them said, "He casts out ⁵And when he comes, he
finds it swept demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the and put in order.

demons."

2 6 Then he goes and takes with him
16 others, testing Him, sought from Him
seven other spirits more wicked than
a sign from heaven. himself, and they enter and dwell there;
and the last state of that man is worse
17 than the first."

But He, knowing their thoughts, said to
them: "Every kingdom divided against 7 And it happened, as He spoke
these
itself is brought to desolation, and a 2
house divided against a house falls. things, that a certain woman from
the
crowd raised her voice and said to Him,
1 8 Satan also is divided against himself, "Blessed is the womb that
bore You,
how will his kingdom stand? Because and the breasts which nursed
You!" you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

2 ' But He said, "More than that, blessed
1 are those who hear the word of God and ' And if I cast out demons
by Beelzebub,
by whom do your sons cast them out? keep it!" Therefore they will be
your judges.

2 ' And while the crowds were thickly
20 But if I cast out demons with the finger
gathered together, He began to say,

of God, surely the kingdom of God has "This is an evil generation. It seeks a

come upon you. sign, and no sign will be given to it

except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

30For as Jonah became a sign to the 3' Then the Lord said to him,
"Now you

Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be Pharisees make the outside
of the cup

to this generation. and dish clean, but your inward part is

full of greed and wickedness.

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The queen of the South will rise up in O Foolish ones! Did not He
who made

the judgment with the men of this 4

generation and condemn them, for she the outside make the inside
also? came from the ends of the earth to hear

the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a 41

But rather give alms of such things as

greater than Solomon is here. you have; then indeed all things are

clean to you.

32The men of Nineveh will rise up in the

judgment with this generation and 42 'But woe to you Pharisees! For
you condemn it, for they repented at the tithe mint and rue and all
manner of

preaching of Jonah; and indeed a herbs, and pass by justice and the
love

greater than Jonah is here. of God. These you ought to have done,

without leaving the others undone.

33 No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts

it in a secret place or under a basket, 43Woe to you Pharisees! For you love but on a lampstand, that those who the best seats in the synagogues and

come in may see the light. greetings in the marketplaces.

3 44 4The lamp of the body is the eye.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

Therefore, when your eye is good, your hypocrites! For you are like graves

whole body also is full of light. But when which are not seen, and the men who

your eye is bad, your body also is full of walk over them are not aware of them."

darkness.

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3 said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these

5Therefore take heed that the light Then one of the lawyers answered and

which is in you is not darkness. things You reproach us also."

3 4 6 then your whole body is full of light, 6And He said, "Woe to you also, having no part dark, the whole body will lawyers! For you load men with burdens

be full of light, as when the bright hard to bear, and you yourselves do not

shining of a lamp gives you light." touch the burdens with one of your

fingers.

And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee

asked Him to dine with him. So He went ⁴⁷Woe to you! For you build the tombs of in and sat down to eat. the prophets, and your fathers killed

them.

³⁸When the Pharisee saw it, he

marveled that He had not first washed ⁴⁸n fact, you bear witness that you before dinner. approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build ³Therefore whatever you have spoken in

their tombs. the dark will be heard in the light, and

what you have spoken in the ear in inner

⁴ rooms will be proclaimed on the ⁹Therefore the wisdom of God also said,

"I will send them prophets and apostles, housetops. and some of them they will kill and

persecute,' ⁴ And I say to you, My friends, do not be

afraid of those who kill the body, and

⁵⁰ hat the blood of all the prophets which after that have no more that they can do.

was shed from the foundation of the

world may be required of this generation, ⁵But I will show you whom you should

fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed,

⁵¹ has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to from the blood of Abel to the blood of

Zechariah who perished between the you, fear Him! altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it

shall be required of this generation. ⁶ Are not five sparrows sold for

two

copper coins? And not one of them is

52 Woe to you lawyers! For you have forgotten before God. taken
away the key of knowledge. You

did not enter in yourselves, and those 7But the very hairs of your head
are all who were entering in you hindered." numbered. Do not fear
therefore; you

are of more value than many sparrows.

53

And as He said these things to them,

the scribes and the Pharisees began to 8 Also I say to you, whoever
confesses assail Him vehemently, and to cross- Me before men, him
the Son of Man

examine Him about many things, also will confess before the angels of
God.

54 ying in wait for Him, and seeking to

catch Him in something He might say, 'But he who denies Me before
men will that they might accuse Him. be denied before the angels of
God.

1 0 'And anyone who speaks a word

1 against the Son of Man, it will be 2In the meantime, when an
innumerable multitude of people had forgiven him; but to him who
gathered together, so that they trampled blasphemes against the Holy
Spirit, it

one another, He began to say to His will not be forgiven.

disciples first of all, "Beware of the 1 1 'Now when they bring you to

the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. synagogues and magistrates and

authorities, do not worry about how or

2 what you should answer, or what you For there is nothing covered that will

not be revealed, nor hidden that will not should say. be known.

12

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in about your life, what you will eat; nor

that very hour what you ought to say." about the body, what you will put on.

1 2 3Then one from the crowd said to Him, 3Life is more than food, and the body is "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the more than clothing. inheritance with me."

2 4Consider the ravens, for they neither

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But He said to him, "Man, who made sow nor reap, which have neither

Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" storehouse nor barn; and God feeds

them. Of how much more value are you

15And He said to them, "Take heed and

than the birds?

beware of covetousness, for one's life

does not consist in the abundance of the And which of you by worrying can add 2 5

things he possesses." one cubit to his stature?

1 2 6 Then He spoke a parable to them, 6 you then are not able to do the least, saying: "The ground of a certain rich why are you anxious for the rest? man yielded plentifully.

2 7 Consider the lilies, how they grow:

1 7 And he thought within himself, saying,

they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to

"What shall I do, since I have no room to you, even Solomon in all his glory was

store my crops?' not arrayed like one of these.

1 2 8 If then God so clothes the grass, which So he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and today is in the field and tomorrow is

there I will store all my crops and my thrown into the oven, how much more

goods. will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

1 2 9 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you

" And do not seek what you should eat

have many goods laid up for many or what you should drink, nor have an

years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be anxious mind. merry."

30

For all these things the nations of the

20 But God said to him, "Fool! This night

world seek after, and your Father knows

your soul will be required of you; then that you need these things.
whose will those things be which you

have provided?' 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all

these things shall be added to you.

21 'So is he who lays up treasure for

himself, and is not rich toward God." 32 Do not fear, little flock, for it
is your

Father's good pleasure to give you the

22

Then He said to His disciples, kingdom.

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry 33SeI what you have and give
alms; 42And the Lord said, "Who then is that provide yourselves
money bags which faithful and wise steward, whom his

do not grow old, a treasure in the master will make ruler over his

heavens that does not fail, where no household, to give them their
portion of

thief approaches nor moth destroys. food in due season?

34 43Blessed is that servant whom his

For where your treasure is, there your

heart will be also. master will find so doing when he comes.

3 4 5 'Let your 4Truly, I say to you that he will make waist be girded
and your

lamps burning; him ruler over all that he has.

36 45But if that servant says in his heart, and you yourselves be like

men who wait for their master, when he will return "My master is delaying his coming,' and

from the wedding, that when he comes begins to beat the male and female

and knocks they may open to him servants, and to eat and drink and be

immediately. drunk,

3 4 7 Blessed are those servants whom the 6 the master of that servant will come on master, when he comes, will find a day when he is not looking for him,

watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he and at an hour when he is not aware,

will gird himself and have them sit down and will cut him in two and appoint him

to eat, and will come and serve them. his portion with the unbelievers.

3' And if he should come in the second 4 7

And that servant who knew his

watch, or come in the third watch, and master's will, and did not prepare

find them so, blessed are those servants. himself or do according to his will, shall

be beaten with many stripes.

3 ' But know this, that if the master of the

house had known what hour the thief 4 ' But he who did not know, yet would come, he would have watched committed things deserving of stripes,

and not allowed his house to be broken shall be beaten with few. For everyone

into. to whom much is given, from him much

will be required; and to whom much has

4 been committed, of him they will ask the 0Therefore you also be ready, for the

Son of Man is coming at an hour you do more. not expect."

4' I came to send fire on the earth, and

41 how I wish it were already kindled!

Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You

speak this parable only to us, or to all

people?" 50But I have a baptism to be baptized

with, and how distressed I am till it is

accomplished!

51

Do you suppose that I came to give

peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but 1 3 There were present at that season rather division.

some who told Him about the Galileans

5 whose blood Pilate had mingled with 2 For from now on five in one house will their sacrifices.

be divided: three against two, and two

against three. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them,

5 "Do you suppose that these Galileans 3 Father will be divided against son and were worse sinners than all other

son against father, mother against Galileans, because they suffered

such

daughter and daughter against mother, things? mother-in-law against her daughter-in-

law and daughter-in-law against her 3 tell you, no; but unless you repent you

mother-in-law." will all likewise perish.

54

Then He also said to the multitudes, 4

Or those eighteen on whom the tower

"Whenever you see a cloud rising out of

in Siloam fell and killed them, do you

the west, immediately you say, "A think that they were worse sinners than

shower is coming'; and so it is.

all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?

55 And when you see the south wind

5 1 tell you, no; but unless you repent you

blow, you say, "There will be hot will all likewise perish." weather'; and there is.

5 Hypocrites! You can discern the face man had a fig tree planted in his

6 6 He also spoke this parable: "A certain

of the sky and of the earth, but how is it vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it

you do not discern this time?

and found none.

57 Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do

7Then he said to the keeper of his

you not judge what is right?

vineyard, "Look, for three years I have

5 come seeking fruit on this fig tree and 8When you go with your
adversary to

find none. Cut it down; why does it use

the magistrate, make every effort along up the ground?' the way to
settle with him, lest he drag

you to the judge, the judge deliver you 8But he answered and said to
him, "Sir, to the officer, and the officer throw you

let it alone this year also, until I dig

into prison. around it and fertilize it.

59 tell you, you shall not depart from

'And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after

there till you have paid the very last

that you can cut it down."

mite."

1 0Now He was teaching in one of the

synagogues on the Sabbath.

11

And behold, there was a woman who and became a large tree, and
the birds

had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, of the air nested in its branches." and was bent over and could in no way

raise herself up. 2 0And again He said, "To what shall I

liken the kingdom of God?

12

But when Jesus saw her, He called

her to Him and said to her, "Woman, 2 1It is like leaven, which a woman took you are loosed from your infirmity." and hid in three measures of meal till it

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3And He laid His hands on her, and was all leavened."

immediately she was made straight, and 2 2And He went through the cities and glorified God. villages, teaching, and journeying

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4But the ruler of the synagogue toward Jerusalem.

answered with indignation, because 2 3Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and few who are saved?" And He said to

he said to the crowd, "There are six them, days on which men ought to work;

therefore come and be healed on them, 24 'Strive to enter through the narrow and not on the Sabbath day." gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to

1 enter and will not be able. 5The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on 25

When once the Master of the house

the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from

has risen up and shut the door, and you

the stall, and lead it away to water it?

begin to stand outside and knock at the

¹ door, saying, "Lord, Lord, open for us,' ⁶ So ought not this woman, being a and He will answer and say to you, "I do

daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has not know you, where you are from,' bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be

loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" ² ⁶ then you will begin to say, "We ate and

¹ drank in Your presence, and You taught ⁷ And when He said these things, all His in our streets.'

adversaries were put to shame; and all

the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious ² ⁷ But He will say, "I tell you I do not things that were done by Him.

know you, where you are from. Depart

¹ from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

' Then He said, "What is the kingdom of

God like? And to what shall I compare ² ⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of it?

teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac

¹ and Jacob and all the prophets in the ' It is like a mustard seed, which a man kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust

took and put in his garden; and it grew out.

² ⁹ They will come from the east and the ³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the

west, from the north and the south, and lawyers and Pharisees, saying,

"Is it

sit down in the kingdom of God. lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

30 ⁴

And indeed there are last who will be But they kept silent. And He took him

first, and there are first who will be last." and healed him, and let him go.

31 ⁵

On that very day some Pharisees Then He answered them, saying, came, saying to Him, "Get out and "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox

depart from here, for Herod wants to kill that has fallen into a pit, will not

You." immediately pull him out on the Sabbath

day?"

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And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox,

"Behold, I cast out demons and perform ⁶And they could not answer Him cures today and tomorrow, and the third regarding these things. day I shall be perfected.'

⁷So He told a parable to those who were

33 Nevertheless I must journey today, invited, when He noted how they chose

tomorrow, and the day following; for it the best places, saying to them: cannot be that a prophet should perish

outside of Jerusalem. ⁸ When you are invited by anyone to a

wedding feast, do not sit down in the

^{34a} O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who best place, lest one more

honorable

kills the prophets and stones those who than you be invited by him;
are sent to her! How often I wanted to

gather your children together, as a hen 'and he who invited you and
him come gathers her brood under her wings, but and say to you,
"Give place to this man,' you were not willing! and then you begin
with shame to take

the lowest place.

35

See! Your house is left to you

desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, ¹ 0But when you are invited, go
and sit you shall not see Me until the time down in the lowest place,
so that when

comes when you say, "Blessed is He he who invited you comes he may
say

who comes in the name of the LORD!" to you, "Friend, go up higher.'
Then you

will have glory in the presence of those

who sit at the table with you.

1 ⁴Now it happened, as He went into

the house of one of the rulers of the For whoever exalts himself will be
¹ 1

Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, humbled, and he who humbles
himself

that they watched Him closely. will be exalted."

² ¹² And behold, there was a certain man Then He also said to him
who invited

before Him who had dropsy. Him, "When you give a dinner or a
supper, do not ask your friends, your here the poor and the maimed

and the

brothers, your relatives, nor rich lame and the blind.' neighbors, lest they also invite you back,

and you be repaid. 2 2

And the servant said, "Master, it is
done as you commanded, and still there

13 But when you give a feast, invite the is room.' poor, the maimed,
the lame, the blind.

2 3

Then the master said to the servant,

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And you will be blessed, because they "Go out into the highways
and hedges,
cannot repay you; for you shall be and compel them to come in, that
my
repaid at the resurrection of the just." house may be filled.

1 2 54

Now when one of those who sat at the For I say to you that none of
those
table with Him heard these things, he men who were invited shall
taste my
said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat supper." bread in the
kingdom of God!"

25 Now great multitudes went with Him.

16 Then He said to him, "A certain man

And He turned and said to them,
gave a great supper and invited many,

2 6 f anyone comes to Me and does not

17 and sent his servant at supper time to hate his father and mother,
wife and

say to those who were invited, "Come, children, brothers and sisters,
yes, and

for all things are now ready.' his own life also, he cannot be My

disciple.

18But they all with one accord began to

2 7

make excuses. The first said to him, "I And whoever does not bear his
cross

have bought a piece of ground, and I and come after Me cannot be My

must go and see it. I ask you to have me disciple. excused.'

2 8

For which of you, intending to build a

1' And another said, "I have bought five tower, does not sit down first
and count

yoke of oxen, and I am going to test the cost, whether he has enough
to

them. I ask you to have me excused.' finish it--

2 2 0

Still another said, "I have married a ' lest, after he has laid the
foundation,

wife, and therefore I cannot come.' and is not able to finish, all who
see it

begin to mock him,

21

So that servant came and reported

these things to his master. Then the saying, "This man began to build and

master of the house, being angry, said was not able to finish.' to his servant, "Go out quickly into the

streets and lanes of the city, and bring in 31 Or what king, going to make war

against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I

with ten thousand to meet him who have found my sheep which was lost!'

comes against him with twenty

thousand? 7 1 say to you that likewise there will be

32Or more joy in heaven over one sinner who

else, while the other is still a great repents than over ninety-nine just

way off, he sends a delegation and asks persons who need no repentance. conditions of peace.

8 Or what woman, having ten silver

33 coins, if she loses one coin, does not So likewise, whoever of you does not

forsake all that he has cannot be My light a lamp, sweep the house, and

disciple. search carefully until she finds it?

34 Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its 'And when she has found it, she calls

flavor, how shall it be seasoned? her friends and neighbors together,

saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have

35 is neither fit for the land nor for the found the piece which I lost!' dunghill, but men throw it out. He who

has ears to hear, let him hear!" 10Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

1 5Then all the tax collectors and the 11Then He said: "A certain man had two sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. sons.

2And the Pharisees and scribes 2

1 And the younger of them said to his complained, saying, "This Man receives father, "Father, give me the portion of sinners and eats with them."

goods that falls to me.' So he divided to 3 them his livelihood. So He spoke this parable to them, saying: 1 3And not many days after, the younger 4 son gathered all together, journeyed to a

What man of you, having a hundred far country, and there wasted his sheep, if he loses one of them, does not possessions with prodigal living. leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness,

and go after the one which is lost until 1 4But when he had spent all, there arose he finds it? a severe famine in that land, and he 5 began to be in want.

And when he has found it, he lays it on

his shoulders, rejoicing. ¹ 5 Then he went and joined himself to a ⁶
citizen of that country, and he sent him

And when he comes home, he calls into his fields to feed swine.

together his friends and neighbors, ¹ ² 6 And he would gladly have
filled his ⁶ So he called one of the servants and stomach with the pods
that the swine asked what these things meant. ate, and no one gave
him anything.

² 7

And he said to him, "Your brother has

¹ 7 But when he came to himself, he said,

come, and because he has received him

"How many of my father's hired servants safe and sound, your father
has killed

have bread enough and to spare, and I the fatted calf.' perish with
hunger!

² 8 But he was angry and would not go in.

¹ 8s will arise and go to my father, and will Therefore his father came
out and

say to him, "Father, I have sinned pleaded with him. against heaven
and before you,

² ' So he answered and said to his father,

¹ ' and I am no longer worthy to be called "Lo, these many years I
have been

your son. Make me like one of your serving you; I never transgressed
your

hired servants." commandment at any time; and yet you

never gave me a young goat, that I

² 0 And he arose and came to his father. might make merry with my
friends.

But when he was still a great way off, 30But

his father saw him and had compassion, as soon as this son of yours came,

and ran and fell on his neck and kissed who has devoured your livelihood with

him. harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

23 11 And the son said to him, "Father, I 'And he said to him, "Son, you are

have sinned against heaven and in your always with me, and all that I have is

sight, and am no longer worthy to be yours. called your son.'

32

It was right that we should make merry

22 But the father said to his servants,

and be glad, for your brother was dead

"Bring out the best robe and put it on and is alive again, and was lost and is

him, and put a ring on his hand and found." sandals on his feet.

23And bring the fatted calf here and kill it,

1 6He also said to His disciples:

and let us eat and be merry; "There was a certain rich man who had

2 a steward, and an accusation was

4For this my son was dead and is alive brought to him that this man was

again; he was lost and is found.' And wasting his goods. they began to be merry.

2 So he called him and said to him,

25 Now his older son was in the field.

"What is this I hear about you? Give an

And as he came and drew near to the account of your stewardship, for you can

house, he heard music and dancing. no longer be steward.'

3"Then the steward said within himself, 12And if you have not been faithful in "What shall I do? For my master is what is another man's, who will give you

taking the stewardship away from me. I what is your own? cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.

1 3 No servant can serve two masters; for

41 have resolved what to do, that when I either he will hate the one and love the

am put out of the stewardship, they may other, or else he will be loyal to the one

receive me into their houses.' and despise the other. You cannot serve

God and mammon."

5 So he called every one of his master's

debtors to him, and said to the first, 1 4Now the Pharisees, who were lovers "How much do you owe my master?' of money, also heard all these things,

and they derided Him.

6And he said, "A hundred measures of

oil.' So 1 he said to him, "Take your bill, 5And He said to them, "You are those and sit down quickly and write fifty.' who justify yourselves before men, but

God knows your hearts. For what is

7 highly esteemed among men is an Then he said to another, "And how

much do you owe?' So he said, "A abomination in the sight of God. hundred measures of wheat.' And he

said to him, "Take your bill, and write 164 'The law and the prophets were until eighty.' John. Since that time the kingdom of

God has been preached, and everyone

8 is pressing into it. So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly.

For the sons of this world are more 1 7

And it is easier for heaven and earth to

shrewd in their generation than the sons pass away than for one tittle of the law

of light. to fail.

"And I say to you, make friends for 1 " Whoever divorces his wife and yourselves by unrighteous mammon, marries another commits adultery; and

that when you fail, they may receive you whoever marries her who is divorced

into an everlasting home. from her husband commits adultery.

1 1 0He who is faithful in what is least is

" There was a certain rich man who

faithful also in much; and he who is was clothed in purple and fine linen and

unjust in what is least is unjust also in fared sumptuously every day. much.

2 0But there was a certain beggar named

11Therefore if you have not been faithful

Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at

in the unrighteous mammon, who will his gate, commit to your trust
the true riches?

21desiring to be fed with the crumbs 30And he said, "No, father
Abraham; but

which fell from the rich man's table. if one goes to them from the
dead, they

Moreover the dogs came and licked his will repent.' sores.

31

But he said to him, "If they do not hear

22

So it was that the beggar died, and Moses and the prophets, neither
will

was carried by the angels to Abraham's they be persuaded though one
rise from

bosom. The rich man also died and was the dead.'" buried.

23And being in torments in Hades, he

1 7Then He said to the disciples, "It is

lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar impossible that no offenses
should

off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

come, but woe to him through whom

2 they do come! 4§ 'Then he cried and said, "Father Abraham, have

mercy on me, and send ²

It would be better for him if a millstone
Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his
were hung around his neck, and he
finger in water and cool my tongue; for I
am tormented in this flame.' were thrown into the sea, than that he
should offend one of these little ones.

²⁵But Abraham said, "Son, remember ³Take heed to yourselves. If
your

that in your lifetime you received your
brother sins against you, rebuke him;
good things, and likewise Lazarus evil
and if he repents, forgive him.
things; but now he is comforted and you
are tormented. ⁴

And if he sins against you seven times
² in a day, and seven times in a day ⁶And besides all this, between us
and

returns to you, saying, "I repent," you
you there is a great gulf fixed, so that
shall forgive him."

those who want to pass from here to

you cannot, nor can those from there ⁵And the apostles said to the
Lord, pass to us.' "Increase our faith."

27§Then he said, "I beg you therefore, 6

father, that you would send him to my So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a

father's house, mustard seed, you can say to this

mulberry tree, "Be pulled up by the roots

2 and be planted in the sea,' and it would

' for I have five brothers, that he may obey you.

testify to them, lest they also come to

this place of torment.' 7And which of you, having a servant

2 plowing or tending sheep, will say to him ' Abraham

said to him, "They have

when he has come in from the field,

Moses and the prophets; let them hear

"Come at once and sit down to eat?"

them.'

8 1 But will he not rather say to him, 8Were there not any found who "Prepare something for my supper, and returned to give glory to God except this

gird yourself and serve me till I have foreigner?" eaten and drunk, and afterward you will

eat and drink'? 1 ' And He said to him, "Arise, go your

way. Your faith has made you well."

'Does he thank that servant because he

did the things that were commanded 2 0

Now when He was asked by the

him? I think not. Pharisees when the kingdom of God

would come, He answered them and

10

So likewise you, when you have done said, "The kingdom of God does not

all those things which you are come with observation; commanded, say, "We are unprofitable

servants. We have done what was our ² 1nor will they say, "See here!" or "See duty to do." there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God

is within you."

11

Now it happened as He went to

Jerusalem that He passed through the ²²Then He said to the disciples, "The midst of Samaria and Galilee. days will come when you will desire to

see one of the days of the Son of Man,

¹² Then as He entered a certain village, and you will not see it. there met Him ten men who were lepers,

who stood afar off. ² 3And they will say to you, "Look here!"

or "Look there!' Do not go after them or

¹³ And they lifted up their voices and said, follow them. "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

² 4

For as the lightning that flashes out of

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So when He saw them, He said to one part under heaven shines to the

them, "Go, show yourselves to the other part under heaven, so also the priests." And so it was that as they went, Son of Man will be in His

day. they were cleansed.

2 5But first He must suffer many things

15And one of them, when he saw that he

and be rejected by this generation.

was healed, returned, and with a loud

voice glorified God, 2 6And as it was in the days of Noah, so it

will be also in the days of the Son of

16 and fell down on his face at His feet, Man: giving Him thanks. And he was a

Samaritan. 2 7They ate, they drank, they married

wives, they were given in marriage, until

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were the day that Noah entered the ark, and

there not ten cleansed? But where are the flood came and destroyed them all.

the nine?

2 2 ' Likewise as it was also in the days of saying: "There was in a certain city a Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, judge who did not fear God nor regard

they sold, they planted, they built; man.

2 3 ' but

on the day that Lot went out of Now there was a widow in that city;
and

Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from she came to him, saying, "Get justice for

heaven and destroyed them all. me from my adversary.'

Even so will it be in the day when the And he would not for a while;
but

Son of Man is revealed. afterward he said within himself,

"Though I do not fear God nor regard

3 1 In that day, he who is on the housetop, man, and his goods are in
the house, let him

not come down to take them away. And syet because this widow
troubles me I likewise the one who is in the field, let will avenge her,
lest by her continual

him not turn back. coming she weary me."

32Remember Lot's wife. 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the

unjust judge said.

33Whoever seeks to save his life will

lose it, and whoever loses his life will 7And shall God not avenge His
own preserve it. elect who cry out day and night to Him,

though He bears long with them?

34a tell you, in that night there will be two

men in one bed: the one will be taken 'I tell you that He will avenge
them

and the other will be left. speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of

Man comes, will He really find faith on

35Two women will be grinding together: the earth?" the one will be
taken and the other left.

9Also He spoke this parable to some

36Two men will be in the field: the one who trusted in themselves
that they

will be taken and the other left." were righteous, and despised others:

37 And they answered and said to Him, ^{1 0} "Two men went up to the temple to "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax

"Wherever the body is, there the eagles collector. will be gathered together."

^{1 1} The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am

¹ not like other men--extortioners, unjust, ⁸ Then He spoke a parable to them,

adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

that men always ought to pray and not

lose heart, ^{1 2 2 2} fast twice a week; I give tithes of all So when Jesus heard these things, He that I possess.' said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell

all that you have and distribute to the

¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off,

poor, and you will have treasure in

would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven; and come, follow Me." heaven, but beat his breast, saying,

"God, be merciful to me a sinner!" ^{2 3}

But when he heard this, he became

very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

¹⁴ tell you, this man went down to his

house justified rather than the other; for ^{2 4} And when Jesus saw that he became everyone who exalts himself will be very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is

humbled, and he who humbles himself for those who have riches to enter the

will be exalted." kingdom of God!

1 2 5Then they also brought infants to Him 5For it is easier for a camel to go that He might touch them; but when the through the eye of a needle than for a

disciples saw it, they rebuked them. rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

1 2 6But Jesus called them to Him and said, 6And those who heard it said, "Who "Let the little children come to Me, and then can be saved?" do not forbid them; for of such is the

kingdom of God. 2 7But He said, "The things which are

1 God."

7Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does impossible with men are possible with

not receive the kingdom of God as a

little child will by no means enter it." 2 8Then Peter said, "See, we have left all

and followed You."

1 ' Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying,

"Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit 2 ' So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say eternal life?" to you, there is no one who has left

house or parents or brothers or wife or

1 ' So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call children, for the sake of the kingdom of

Me good? No one is good but One, that God, is, God.

30who shall not receive many times

20 ou know the commandments: "Do

more in this present time, and in the age
not commit adultery,' "Do not murder,' to come eternal life."

"Do not steal,' "Do not bear false

witness,' "Honor your father and your 31 Then He took the twelve aside
and mother.'" said to them, "Behold, we are going up

to Jerusalem, and all things that are

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And he said, "All these things I have written by the prophets
concerning the

kept from my youth." Son of Man will be accomplished.

32 For He will be delivered to the Gentiles all the people, when they
saw it, gave

and will be mocked and insulted and spit praise to God. upon.

33

They will scourge Him and kill Him. 1 9 Then Jesus entered and
passed

And the third day He will rise again."

through Jericho.

34 2 But they understood none of these Now behold, there was a man
named things; this saying was hidden from Zacchaeus who was a chief
tax collector, them, and they did not know the things and he was rich.
which were spoken.

3 3 And he sought to see who Jesus was, 5 Then it happened, as He
was coming but could not because of the crowd, for near Jericho, that
a certain blind man he was of short stature. sat by the road begging.

36 And hearing a multitude passing by, ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed up into a

sycamore tree to see Him, for He was
he asked what it meant. going to pass that way.

37 ⁵ So they told him that Jesus of And when Jesus came to the place,
He Nazareth was passing by. looked up and saw him, and said to him,

"Zacchaeus, make haste and come

38 And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son down, for today I must stay at
your

of David, have mercy on me!" house."

3 ⁷ Then ⁶ those who went before warned So he made haste and
came down, him that he should be quiet; but he cried and
received Him joyfully. out all the more, "Son of David, have
mercy on me!" ⁷

But when they saw it, they all

⁴ complained, saying, "He has gone to be ⁰ So Jesus stood still and
commanded a guest with a man who is a sinner."

him to be brought to Him. And when he

had come near, He asked him, ⁸

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the

⁴ Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my ¹ saying, "What do you want Me
to do

goods to the poor; and if I have taken

for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may anything from anyone by false receive my sight." accusation, I restore fourfold."

42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight." And Jesus said to him, "Today

sight; your faith has made you well." salvation has come to this house,

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3And immediately he received his sight, because he also is a son of Abraham;

and followed Him, glorifying God. And 1 2 0For the Son of Man has come to seek 04"Then another came, saying, "Master,

and to save that which was lost." here is your mina, which I have kept put

away in a handkerchief.

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Now as they heard these things, He

2 1

spoke another parable, because He was For I feared you, because you are an

near Jerusalem and because they austere man. You collect what you did

thought the kingdom of God would not deposit, and reap what you did not

appear immediately. sow.'

1 2 2Therefore He said: "A certain 2And he said to him, "Out of your own nobleman went into a far country to mouth I will judge you, you wicked

receive for himself a kingdom and to servant. You knew that I was an austere

return. man, collecting what I did not deposit

and reaping what I did not sow.

13

So he called ten of his servants, 3Why then did you not put my money in

delivered to them ten minas, and said to 2

them, "Do business till I come.' the bank, that at my coming I might

have collected it with interest?'

14

But his citizens hated him, and sent a

delegation after him, saying, "We will not 2 4 'And he said to those who stood by, have this man to reign over us.' "Take the mina from him, and give it to

him who has ten minas.'

1 5 And so it was that when he returned,

having received the kingdom, he then 2 5(

But they said to him, "Master, he has

commanded these servants, to whom ten minas.') he had given the money, to be called to

him, that he might know how much 2 6 'For I say to you, that to everyone who every man had gained by trading. has will be given; and from him who

1 taken away from him.

6Then came the first, saying, "Master, does not have, even what he has will be

your mina has earned ten minas.'

2 7But bring here those enemies of mine,

17And he said to him, "Well done, good

who did not want me to reign over them,

servant; because you were faithful in a and slay them before me." very little, have authority over ten cities.'

1 ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

8And the second came, saying, "Master, 2' When He had said this, He went on

your mina has earned five minas.'

2 ' And it came to pass, when He drew

1' Likewise he said to him, "You also be near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the

over five cities.' mountain called Olivet, that He sent two

of His disciples, 30saying, "Go into the village opposite 4 0But He answered and said to them, "I you, where as you enter you will find a tell you that if these should keep silent,

colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. the stones would immediately cry out."

Loose it and bring it here.

4 1

Now as He drew near, He saw the city

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And if anyone asks you, "Why are you and wept over it,

loosing it?' thus you shall say to him,

"Because the Lord has need of it.' 4 2saying, "If you had known, even you,

32so especially in this your day, the things

those who were sent went their that make for your peace! But
now they

way and found it just as He had said to are hidden from your eyes.
them.

4 3

33But as they were loosing the colt, the For days will come upon you
when

your enemies will build an embankment

owners of it said to them, "Why are you around you, surround you and
close you

loosing the colt?" in on every side,

34And they said, "The Lord has need of 44and level you, and your
children within him." you, to the ground; and they will not

leave in you one stone upon another,

35Then they brought him to Jesus. And

because you did not know the time of

they threw their own clothes on the colt, your visitation." and they set
Jesus on him.

4 5

Then He went into the temple and

36And as He went, many spread their began to drive out those who
bought

clothes on the road. and sold in it,

3 4 6 7saying to them, "It is written, "My Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the house is a house of prayer,' but you

whole multitude of the disciples began have made it a "den of thieves." to rejoice and praise God with a loud

voice for all the mighty works they had 4 7And He was teaching daily in the seen, temple. But the chief priests, the scribes,

and the leaders of the people sought to

38saying: "Blessed is the King who destroy Him, comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace

in heaven and glory in the highest!" 4 ' and were unable to do anything; for all

the people were very attentive to hear

3 Him. ' And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke

Your disciples."

2 ONow it happened on one of those

days, as He taught the people in the

temple and preached the gospel, that Again he sent another servant;
and

the chief priests and the scribes, they beat him also, treated him

together with the elders, confronted Him shamefully, and sent him
away empty-

handed.

and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by

1 2

what authority are You doing these And again he sent a third; and
they

things? Or who is he who gave You this wounded him also and cast
him out.

authority?"

134"Then the owner of the vineyard said,

3But He answered and said to them, "I "What shall I do? I will send
my beloved

also will ask you one thing, and answer son. Probably they will
respect him

Me: when they see him.'

4 1 The baptism of John--was it from 4But when the vinedressers saw
him, heaven or from men?" they reasoned among themselves,

saying, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill

5 him, that the inheritance may be ours.' And they reasoned among
themselves,

saying, "If we say, "From heaven,' He

will say, "Why then did you not believe ¹⁵So they cast him out of the vineyard him?' and killed him. Therefore what will the

owner of the vineyard do to them?

⁶But if we say, "From men," all the

¹⁶

people will stone us, for they are He will come and destroy those persuaded that John was a prophet." vinedressers and give the vineyard to

others." And when they heard it they

⁷ said, "Certainly not!" So they answered that they did not know where it was from.

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Then He looked at them and said,

⁸ "What then is this that is written: "The And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I

tell you by what authority I do these stone which the builders rejected Has

things." become the chief cornerstone'?

'Then He began to tell the people this ¹ ' Whoever falls on that stone will be

parable: "A certain man planted a broken; but on whomever it falls, it will

vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and grind him to powder." went into a far country for a long time.

¹ ' And the chief priests and the scribes

¹⁰Now at vintage-time he sent a servant

that very hour sought to lay hands on

to the vinedressers, that they might give Him, but they feared the people --for

him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But they knew He had spoken this parable

the vinedressers beat him and sent him against them. away empty-handed.

22 0So they watched Him, and sent spies

' Now there were seven brothers. And

who pretended to be righteous, that they the first took a wife, and died without

might seize on His words, in order to children. deliver Him to the power and the

authority of the governor. 30 And the second took her as wife, and

he died childless.

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Then they asked Him, saying,

"Teacher, we know that You say and 3 1

Then the third took her, and in like

teach rightly, and You do not show manner the seven also; and they left no

personal favoritism, but teach the way of children, and died. God in truth:

2 32Last of all the woman died also.

2 s it lawful for us to pay taxes to

Caesar or not?" 33Therefore, in the resurrection, whose

2 wife does she become? For all seven 3But He perceived their craftiness, and

had her as wife."

said to them, "Why do you test Me?

2 Jesus answered and said to them, 4 34

Show Me a denarius. Whose image "The sons of this age marry and are

and inscription does it have?" They given in marriage. answered and said, "Caesar's."

2 35But those who are counted worthy to 5 And He said to them, "Render attain that age, and the resurrection

therefore to Caesar the things that are from the dead, neither marry nor are

Caesar's, and to God the things that are given in marriage; God's."

2 36nor can they die anymore, for they are 6 But they could not catch Him in His equal to the angels and are sons of God,

words in the presence of the people. being sons of the resurrection. And they marveled at His answer and

kept silent. 37But even Moses showed in the burning

2 bush passage that the dead are raised, 7Then some of the Sadducees, who

when he called the Lord "the God of

deny that there is a resurrection, came Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the

to Him and asked Him, God of Jacob.'

28 38 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us For He is not the God of the dead but

that if a man's brother dies, having a of the living, for all live to Him." wife, and he dies without children, his

brother should take his wife and raise up 3' Then some of the scribes answered

offspring for his brother. and said, "Teacher, You have spoken
well."

40But after that they dared not question

out of her poverty put in all the livelihood
Him anymore. that she had."

41 5

And He said to them, "How can they Then, as some spoke of the temple,

say that the Christ is the Son of David? how it was adorned with beautiful stones

and donations, He said,

42

Now David himself said in the Book of

Psalms: "The LORD said to my Lord, 6 These things which you see--the days

"Sit at My right hand, will come in which not one stone shall

be left upon another that shall not be

43Till I make Your enemies Your

thrown down."

footstool."

7So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher,

44Therefore but when will these things be? And what David calls Him

"Lord"; how

is He then his Son?" sign will there be when these things are

about to take place?"

45

Then, in the hearing of all the people,

He said to His disciples, 'And He said: "Take heed that you not

be deceived. For many will come in My

46 Beware of the scribes, who desire to name, saying, "I am He," and,
"The time

go around in long robes, love greetings has drawn near.' Therefore do
not go

after them.

in the marketplaces, the best seats in

the synagogues, and the best places at

feasts, 'But when you hear of wars and

commotions, do not be terrified; for

4 7 these things must come to pass first, but who devour widows'

houses, and for a

the end will not come immediately."

pretense make long prayers. These will

receive greater condemnation." 1 0 Then He said to them, "Nation will
rise

against nation, and kingdom against

kingdom.

2 1 And He looked up and saw the

rich putting their gifts into the treasury, ¹ And there will be great earthquakes in ² various places, and famines and

and He saw also a certain poor widow pestilences; and there will be fearful

putting in two mites. sights and great signs from heaven.

³ ¹ ² So He said, "Truly I say to you that this But before all these things, they will lay poor widow has put in more than all; their hands on you and persecute you,

delivering you up to the synagogues and

⁴for all these out of their abundance prisons. You will be brought before

have put in offerings for God, but she kings and rulers for My name's sake.

¹ ² But it will turn out for you as an

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And they will fall by the edge of the occasion for testimony. sword, and be led away captive into all

nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled

¹⁴Therefore settle it in your hearts not to

by Gentiles until the times of the meditate beforehand on what you will Gentiles are fulfilled. answer;

² ⁵ 'And there will be signs in the sun, in

¹ ⁵ F the moon, and in the stars; and on the

or I will give you a mouth and wisdom

which all your adversaries will not be earth distress of nations, with perplexity,

able to contradict or resist. the sea and the waves roaring;

1 2 6 en's hearts failing them from fear 6 ou will be betrayed even by
parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and the expectation of
those things

they will put some of you to death. which are coming on the earth, for
the

powers of the heavens will be shaken.

17 And you will be hated by all for My 2

name's sake. Then they will see the Son of Man 7

coming in a cloud with power and great

18 But not a hair of your head shall be

glory.

lost. 2 8 Now when these things begin to

1 happen, look up and lift up your heads, ' By your patience possess
your souls.

because your redemption draws near."

20 But when you see Jerusalem

2 ' Then He spoke to them a parable:

surrounded by armies, then know that

"Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

its desolation is near.

2 When they are already budding, you

1 Then let those who are in Judea flee to 3 0

see and know for yourselves that

the mountains, let those who are in the

summer is now near.

midst of her depart, and let not those

who are in the country enter her. 31 So you also, when you see these
22 things happening, know that the

For these are the days of vengeance,

kingdom of God is near.

that all things which are written may be

fulfilled. 32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation

23 will by no means pass away till all things

But woe to those who are pregnant

take place.

and to those who are nursing babies in

those days! For there will be great 33 Heaven and earth will pass
away, but distress in the land and wrath upon this people. My words
will by no means pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest your 6 So he promised and sought
opportunity

hearts be weighed down with carousing, to betray Him to them in the
absence of

drunkenness, and cares of this life, and the multitude. that Day come
on you unexpectedly.

7 Then came the Day of Unleavened

For it will come as a snare on all those Bread, when the Passover must be

who dwell on the face of the whole earth. killed.

36 8

Watch therefore, and pray always that And He sent Peter and John, saying,

you may be counted worthy to escape "Go and prepare the Passover for us,

all these things that will come to pass, that we may eat." and to stand before the Son of Man."

'So they said to Him, "Where do You

37 And in the daytime He was teaching in want us to prepare?" the temple, but at night He went out and

stayed on the mountain called Olivet. 1 0 And He said to them, "Behold, when

you have entered the city, a man will

38 Then early in the morning all the

meet you carrying a pitcher of water;

people came to Him in the temple to follow him into the house which he

hear Him. enters.

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Then you shall say to the master of the

22 Now the Feast of Unleavened house, "The Teacher says to you,

"Where is the guest room where I may

Bread drew near, which is called eat the Passover with My disciples?"

Passover.

2 Then he will show you a large,
And the chief priests and the scribes

furnished upper room; there make
sought how they might kill Him, for they
feared the people. ready."

So they went and found it just as He
3 Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed 1 3
had said to them, and they prepared the
Iscaiot, who was numbered among the
Passover.
twelve.

1 4 When the hour had come, He sat
4 So he went his way and conferred with
down, and the twelve apostles with Him.
the chief priests and captains, how he

might betray Him to them. 1 5 Then He said to them, "With fervent
5 desire I have desired to eat this And they were glad, and agreed to
give
him money. Passover with you before I suffer;

1 6 or I say to you, I will no longer eat of it

until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

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Then He took the cup, and gave For who is greater, he who sits at the

thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it table, or he who serves? Is it not he who

among yourselves; sits at the table? Yet I am among you as

the One who serves.

1 ' for I say to you, I will not drink of the

fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God 28 But you are those who have comes." continued with Me in My trials.

12 ' And He took bread, gave thanks and ' And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just broke it, and gave it to them, saying, as My Father bestowed one upon Me,

"This is My body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of Me." 30that you may eat and drink at My table

in My kingdom, and sit on thrones

20Likewise He also took the cup after judging the twelve tribes of Israel." supper, saying, "This cup is the new

covenant in My blood, which is shed for 31And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon!

you. Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that

he may sift you as wheat.

21

But behold, the hand of My betrayer is

with Me on the table. 32But I have prayed for you, that your

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And truly the Son of Man goes as it returned to Me, strengthen your
has been determined, but woe to that brethren." man by whom He is
betrayed!"

2 Then they began to question among to go with You, both to prison
and to

3 33But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready

themselves, which of them it was who death." would do this thing.

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Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the

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Now there was also a dispute among rooster shall not crow this day
before

them, as to which of them should be you will deny three times that
you know

considered the greatest. Me."

25And He said to them, "The kings of the 35And He said to them,
"When I sent you

Gentiles exercise lordship over them, without money bag, knapsack,
and

and those who exercise authority over sandals, did you lack
anything?" So they

them are called "benefactors." said, "Nothing."

23 6But not so among you; on the contrary, 6Then He said to them,
"But now, he who is greatest among you, let him who has a money
bag, let him take it,

be as the younger, and he who governs and likewise a knapsack; and
he who

as he who serves. has no sword, let him sell his garment

and buy one.

37For I say to you that this which is 4 7And while He was still
speaking, written must still be accomplished in Me: behold, a
multitude; and he who was

"And He was numbered with the called Judas, one of the twelve, went
transgressors.' For the things before them and drew near to Jesus to
concerning Me have an end." kiss Him.

38 48

So they said, "Lord, look, here are two But Jesus said to him, "Judas,
are you

swords." And He said to them, "It is betraying the Son of Man with a
kiss?"

enough."

4 ' When those around Him saw what

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Coming out, He went to the Mount of was going to happen, they
said to Him,

Olives, as He was accustomed, and His "Lord, shall we strike with the
sword?"

disciples also followed Him.

50And one of them struck the servant of

40When He came to the place, He said

the high priest and cut off his right ear.

to them, "Pray that you may not enter
into temptation." ⁵¹But Jesus answered and said, "Permit
even this." And He touched his ear and

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And He was withdrawn from them healed him.
about a stone's throw, and He knelt
down and prayed, ⁵²Then Jesus said to the chief priests,
captains of the temple, and the elders

⁴² saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take who had come to Him, "Have
you come
this cup away from Me; nevertheless not out, as against a robber, with
swords
My will, but Yours, be done." and clubs?

^{4 5 33}
Then an angel appeared to Him from When I was with you daily in
the
heaven, strengthening Him. temple, you did not try to seize Me. But
this is your hour, and the power of
⁴⁴ darkness."

And being in agony, He prayed more
earnestly. Then His sweat became like ⁴Having arrested Him, they led
Him and
great drops of blood falling down to the ⁵
ground. brought Him into the high priest's house.

But Peter followed at a distance.

45When He rose up from prayer, and

had come to His disciples, He found 55Now when they had kindled a fire in them sleeping from sorrow. the midst of the courtyard and sat down

together, Peter sat among them.

46Then He said to them, "Why do you

sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into 56And a certain servant girl, seeing him temptation." as he sat by the fire, looked intently at

him and said, "This man was also with Him."

5 6 774a f You are the Christ, tell us." But He

But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe.

5' And after a little while another saw him

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and said, "You also are of them." But And if I also ask you, you will by no

Peter said, "Man, I am not!" means answer Me or let Me go.

5 6 ' Then after about an hour had passed, ' Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the another confidently affirmed, saying, right hand of the power of God."

"Surely this fellow also was with Him, for

he is a Galilean." 70Then they all said, "Are You then the

Son of God?" So He said to them, "You

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know rightly say that I am."

what you are saying!" Immediately,

while he was still speaking, the rooster ⁷1 And they said, "What further testimony crowd. do we need? For we have heard it

ourselves from His own mouth."

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And the Lord turned and looked at
Peter. Then Peter remembered the word
of the Lord, how He had said to him,

2 3 Then the whole multitude of them

"Before the rooster crows, you will deny
Me three times." arose and led Him to Pilate.

6 2 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying,

So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

"We found this fellow perverting the

6 3 nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Now the men who held Jesus
mocked Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, Him and beat Him. a
King."

6 4 3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are

And having blindfolded Him, they
struck Him on the face and asked Him,

You the King of the Jews?" He

saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who

answered him and said, "It is as you
struck You?"

say."

65 And many other things they

4 So Pilate said to the chief priests and
blasphemously spoke against Him.

the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

66 5 As soon as it was day, the elders of But they were the more fierce,
saying, the people, both chief priests and "He stirs up the people,
teaching scribes, came together and led Him into throughout all
Judea, beginning from their council, saying, Galilee to this place."

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked deserving of death has been
done by

if the Man were a Galilean. Him.

7 1 And as soon as he knew that He 6 will therefore chastise Him and
belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent release Him" Him to Herod,
who was also in

Jerusalem at that time. 17 (for it was necessary for him to release

one to them at the feast).

8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was

exceedingly glad; for he had desired for 18 And they all cried out at
once, saying, a long time to see Him, because he had "Away with this
Man, and release to us

heard many things about Him, and he Barabbas"--hoped to see some
miracle done by Him.

1 ' who had been thrown into prison for a

"Then he questioned Him with many certain rebellion made in the

city, and

words, but He answered him nothing. for murder.

10And the chief priests and scribes stood 0Pilate, therefore, wishing to release

2

and vehemently accused Him. Jesus, again called out to them.

1 2 1 Then Herod, with his men of war, 1But they shouted, saying,
"Crucify Him, treated Him with contempt and mocked crucify Him!"
Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe,

and sent Him back to Pilate. 2 2Then he said to them the third time, 1
"Why, what evil has He done? I have

2 That very day Pilate and Herod found no reason for death in Him. I
will

became friends with each other, for therefore chastise Him and let
Him go."

previously they had been at enmity with

each other. 2 3But they were insistent, demanding

1 with loud voices that He be crucified. 3Then Pilate, when he had
called

And the voices of these men and of the

together the chief priests, the rulers, and chief priests prevailed. the
people,

1 So Pilate gave sentence that it should 4 2 4

said to them, "You have brought this be as they requested.

Man to me, as one who misleads the

people. And indeed, having examined ² 5And he released to them the one they Him in your presence, I have found no requested, who for rebellion and murder

fault in this Man concerning those things had been thrown into prison; but he

of which you accuse Him; delivered Jesus to their will.

¹⁵ 6Now as they led Him away, they laid

no, neither did Herod, for I sent you ²

back to him; and indeed nothing hold of a certain man, Simon a Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming on him they laid the cross that he might and offering Him sour wine, bear it after Jesus.

37

and saying, "If You are the King of the

²⁷

And a great multitude of the people Jews, save Yourself."

followed Him, and women who also

mourned and lamented Him. ³⁸ And an inscription also was written

over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and

^{2'} But Jesus, turning to them, said, Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep JEWS. for Me, but weep for yourselves and for

your children. ^{3'} Then one of the criminals who were

hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If

^{2'} For indeed the days are coming in You are the Christ, save Yourself and

which they will say, "Blessed are the us."

barren, wombs that never bore, and

breasts which never nursed!" 40But the other, answering, rebuked him,

3 seeing you are under the same

0Then they will begin "to say to the saying, "Do you not even fear
God,

mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, condemnation? "Cover us!"

41

And we indeed justly, for we receive

31

For if they do these things in the green the due reward of our deeds;
but this

wood, what will be done in the dry?" Man has done nothing wrong."

3 4 2 2 There were also two others, criminals, Then he said to Jesus,
"Lord, led with Him to be put to death. remember me when You come
into Your

kingdom."

33And when they had come to the place

called Calvary, there they crucified Him, 43And Jesus said to him,
"Assuredly, I and the criminals, one on the right hand say to you,
today you will be with Me in

and the other on the left. Paradise."

3 4 4Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, 4Now it was about the
sixth hour, and for they do not know what they do." And there was
darkness over all the earth

they divided His garments and cast lots. until the ninth hour.

35And the people stood looking on. But 4 5Then the sun was darkened, and the even the rulers with them sneered, veil of the temple was torn in two. saying, "He saved others; let Him save

Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of 46And when Jesus had cried out with a God." loud voice, He said, "Father, "into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said 56Then they returned and prepared this, He breathed His last. spices and fragrant oils. And they rested

on the Sabbath according to the

47 commandment.

So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

24Now on the first day of the week,

4 2 ' And the whole crowd who came very early in the morning, they, and

together to that sight, seeing what had certain other women with them, came to

been done, beat their breasts and the tomb bringing the spices which they

returned. had prepared.

4 2 ' But all His acquaintances, and the But they found the stone rolled away women who followed Him from Galilee, from the tomb. stood at a distance, watching these

things. 3Then they went in and did not find the

5 body of the Lord Jesus. 0Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and 4

And it happened, as they were greatly
just man.

perplexed about this, that behold, two
5 men stood by them in shining garments. 1 He had not consented to
their decision

and deed. He was from Arimathea, a 5

Then, as they were afraid and bowed
city of the Jews, who himself was also

their faces to the earth, they said to
waiting for the kingdom of God.

them, "Why do you seek the living
5 among the dead?

2

This man went to Pilate and asked for
the body of Jesus. 6He is not here, but is risen! Remember

5 how He spoke to you when He was still 3Then he took it down,
wrapped it in

in Galilee,
linen, and laid it in a tomb that was
hewn out of the rock, where no one had 7

saying, "The Son of Man must be
ever lain before.

delivered into the hands of sinful men,
5 and be crucified, and the third day rise 4That day was the
Preparation, and the

again."

Sabbath drew near.

5

5 And the women who had come with ⁸ And they remembered His words.

Him from Galilee followed after, and ⁷ Then they returned from the tomb and

they observed the tomb and how His told all these things to the eleven and to

body was laid. all the rest.

¹ ⁰ was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary

a Prophet mighty in deed and word

the mother of James, and the other before God and all the people, women with them, who told these things

to the apostles. ² ⁰

and how the chief priests and our

rulers delivered Him to be condemned

¹¹

And their words seemed to them like to death, and crucified Him.
idle tales, and they did not believe them.

² ¹

But we were hoping that it was He who

¹²

But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; was going to redeem Israel.
Indeed,

and stooping down, he saw the linen besides all this, today is the third day

cloths lying by themselves; and he since these things happened.
departed, marveling to himself at what

had happened. 2 2 es, and certain women of our

company, who arrived at the tomb early,

13 Now behold, two of them were

astonished us.

traveling that same day to a village

called Emmaus, which was seven miles 23 When they did not find His
body, they from Jerusalem. came saying that they had also seen a

vision of angels who said He was alive.

14

And they talked together of all these

things which had happened. 2 4

And certain of those who were with us

went to the tomb and found it just as the

15 so it was, while they conversed and women had said; but Him they
did not

reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near see." and went with them.

2 5

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones,

16

But their eyes were restrained, so that and slow of heart to believe
in all that

they did not know Him. the prophets have spoken!

1 2 7 6 Ought not the Christ to have suffered

And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with these things and to enter into His glory?"

one another as you walk and are sad?"

2 7

1 Prophets, He expounded to them in all

8Then the one whose name was And beginning at Moses and all the

Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are the Scriptures the things concerning

You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and Himself. have You not known the things which

happened there in these days?" 2 8Then they drew near to the village

where they were going, and He

1 ' And He said to them, "What things?" indicated that He would have gone

So they said to Him, "The things farther. concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was 29But they constrained Him, saying, 3' Behold My hands and My feet, that it is

"Abide with us, for it is toward evening, I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit

and the day is far spent." And He went does not have flesh and bones as you

in to stay with them. see I have."

30 40

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the When He had said this, He showed

table with them, that He took bread, them His hands and His feet. blessed and broke it, and gave it to

them. 1 4But while they still did not believe for

3 "Have you any food here?"

1Then their eyes were opened and they joy, and marveled, He said to them,

knew Him; and He vanished from their

sight. 42So they gave Him a piece of a broiled

32And they said to one another, "Did not fish and some honeycomb.

our heart burn within us while He talked 43And He took it and ate in their with us on the road, and while He presence. opened the Scriptures to us?"

44Then He said to them, "These are the

33So they rose up that very hour and words which I spoke to you while I was

returned to Jerusalem, and found the still with you, that all things must be

eleven and those who were with them fulfilled which were written in the Law of

gathered together, Moses and the Prophets and the

34 Psalms concerning Me." saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 4 5

And He opened their understanding,

that they might comprehend the

35

And they told about the things that had Scriptures.

happened on the road, and how He was

known to them in the breaking of bread. 4 6Then He said to them,
"Thus it is

36Now as they said these things, Jesus written, and thus it was
necessary for

the Christ to suffer and to rise from the

Himself stood in the midst of them, and dead the third day, said to
them, "Peace to you."

4 7

37But they were terrified and frightened, and that repentance and
remission of

sins should be preached in His name to

and supposed they had seen a spirit. all nations, beginning at
Jerusalem.

38And He said to them, "Why are you 48And you are witnesses of
these things. troubled? And why do doubts arise in

your hearts? 4' Behold, I send the Promise of My

Father upon you; but tarry in the city of

Jerusalem until you are endued with And they worshiped Him, and returned power from on high." to Jerusalem with great joy,

55 03

And He led them out as far as Bethany, and were continually in the temple

and He lifted up His hands and blessed praising and blessing God. Amen. them.

51

Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

2nd Accounts of the Church by brother Luke

and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the
end of the earth."

1 The former account I made, O

Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both 9 Now when He had spoken
these things,

while they watched, He was taken up,
to do and teach,

and a cloud received Him out of their
2 sight.

until the day in which He was taken up,

after He through the Holy Spirit had 1 0 And while they looked
steadfastly given commandments to the apostles toward heaven as He
went up, behold, whom He had chosen, two men stood by them in
white apparel,

3 to whom He also presented Himself 1 1 who also said, "Men of Galilee,
why do you stand gazing up into
heaven? This infallible proof, being seen by them same Jesus, who
was taken up from during forty days and speaking of the you into
heaven, will so come in like things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
manner as you saw Him go into 4 heaven."

And being assembled together with

them, He commanded them not to 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem
from depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the mount called Olivet,
which is near the Promise of the Father, "which," He Jerusalem, a
Sabbath day's journey. said, "you have heard from Me;

1 3 And when they had entered, they went

for John truly baptized with water, but

you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit up into the upper room
where they were

staying: Peter, James, John, and

not many days from now."

Andrew; Philip and Thomas;

6 Bartholomew and Matthew; James the

Therefore, when they had come son of Alphaeus and Simon the
Zealot;

together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, and Judas the son of James.
will You at this time restore the kingdom

to Israel?" 14 These all continued with one accord in 7 prayer and
supplication, with the women

And He said to them, "It is not for you

and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with

to know times or seasons which the

His brothers.

Father has put in His own authority.

1 5

And in those days Peter stood up in

'But you shall receive power when the the midst of the disciples
(altogether the

Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you

number of names was about a hundred

shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,

and twenty), and said,

16 Men and brethren, this Scripture had

transgression fell, that he might go to his

to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit own place." spoke before by the mouth of David

concerning Judas, who became a guide 2 6And they cast their lots, and the lot fell to those who arrested Jesus; on Matthias. And he was numbered with

the eleven apostles.

17 or he was numbered with us and

obtained a part in this ministry."

1 2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully 8(Now this man purchased a field with

come, they were all with one accord in

the wages of iniquity; and falling one place. headlong, he burst open in the middle

and all his entrails gushed out. 2

And suddenly there came a sound from

1 heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, '

And it became known to all those and it filled the whole house where they

dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is

were sitting.

called in their own language, Akel Dama,

that is, Field of Blood.) 3Then there appeared to them divided

2 tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon 0 'For it is written in the Book

of Psalms:

each of them.

"Let his dwelling place be desolate, And

let no one live in it'; and, "Let another ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy take his office.' Spirit and began to speak with other

² tongues, as the Spirit gave them ¹§ 'Therefore, of these men who have utterance. accompanied us all the time that the

Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ⁵

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem

² Jews, devout men, from every nation ²beginning from the baptism of John to

under heaven.

that day when He was taken up from us,

one of these must become a witness ⁶And when this sound occurred, the

with us of His resurrection."

multitude came together, and were

² confused, because everyone heard ³And they proposed two: Joseph called

them speak in his own language.

Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus,

and Matthias. ⁷Then they were all amazed and ²⁴ marveled, saying to one another, "Look,

And they prayed and said, "You, O

are not all these who speak Galileans?

Lord, who know the hearts of all, show

which of these two You have chosen 8 And how is it that we hear, each
in our

2 own language in which we were born? 5 take part in this ministry
and

apostleship from which Judas by 'Parthians and Medes and Elamites, 1'
I will show wonders in heaven above those dwelling in Mesopotamia,
Judea And signs in the earth beneath: Blood

and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, and fire and vapor of smoke.

1 2 0 hrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the 0

The sun shall be turned into darkness,

parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors And the moon into blood,
Before the

from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, coming of the great and
awesome day

of the LORD.

11 Cretans and Arabs--we hear them

speaking in our own tongues the 2 1 And it shall come to pass That
wonderful works of God." whoever calls on the name of the LORD

Shall be saved.'

12

So they were all amazed and

perplexed, saying to one another, 2 2 Men of Israel, hear these words:
"Whatever could this mean?" Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by

God to you by miracles, wonders, and

13 signs which God did through Him in your

Others mocking said, "They are full of

new wine." midst, as you yourselves also know--

1 2 3Him, being delivered by the 4But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men determined purpose and foreknowledge

of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, of God, you have taken by lawless

let this be known to you, and heed my hands, have crucified, and put to death;

words.

2 4

whom God raised up, having loosed

15 the pains of death, because it was not

For these are not drunk, as you

suppose, since it is only the third hour of possible that He should be held by it.

the day.

2 5For David says concerning Him: "I

16But this is what was spoken by the

foresaw the LORD always before my

prophet Joel: face, For He is at my right hand, that I

may not be shaken.

17 And it shall come to pass in the last

26Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my

days, says God, That I will pour out of

My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh

your daughters shall prophesy, Your also will rest in hope. young men shall see visions, Your old

27

men shall dream dreams. For You will not leave my soul in

Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy

18And on My menservants and on My

One to see corruption.

maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in

those days; And they shall prophesy.

2 ' You have made known to me the ways 37Now when they heard this, they were

of life; You will make me full of joy in cut to the heart, and said to Peter and

Your presence.' the rest of the apostles, "Men and

brethren, what shall we do?"

2 '" Men and brethren, let me speak freely

to you of the patriarch David, that he is 38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and

both dead and buried, and his tomb is let every one of you be baptized in the

with us to this day. name of Jesus Christ for the remission

of sins; and you shall receive the gift of

30Therefore, being a prophet, and

the Holy Spirit.

knowing that God had sworn with an

oath to him that of the fruit of his body, 3' For the promise is to you and to your

according to the flesh, He would raise children, and to all who are afar off, as

up the Christ to sit on his throne, many as the Lord our God will call."

31 4 0And with many other words he testified

he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning

the resurrection of the Christ, that His and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved

soul was not left in Hades, nor did His from this perverse generation." flesh see corruption.

41

Then those who gladly received his

32

This Jesus God has raised up, of word were baptized; and that day about

which we are all witnesses. three thousand souls were added to

them.

33Therefore being exalted to the right 2 4 hand of God, and having received from And they continued steadfastly in the the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the

He poured out this which you now see breaking of bread, and in prayers. and hear.

43Then fear came upon every soul, and

34 'For David did not ascend into the many wonders and signs were done

heavens, but he says himself: "The through the apostles. LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right

hand, ⁴ 4Now all who believed were together,

3

5Till I make Your enemies Your and had all things in common,

footstool." ⁴ 5and sold their possessions and goods,

and divided them among all, as anyone

36§Therefore let all the house of Israel had need. know assuredly that
God has made this

Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord ⁴ 6

So continuing daily with one accord in

and Christ." the temple, and breaking bread from

house to house, they ate their food with

gladness and simplicity of heart, ⁴ 1 7p0Then they knew that it was he
who sat

raising God and having favor with all

the people. And the Lord added to the begging alms at the Beautiful
Gate of

church daily those who were being the temple; and they were filled
with

saved. wonder and amazement at what had

happened to him.

¹ 1

3Now Peter and John went up Now as the lame man who was healed

held on to Peter and John, all the people

together to the temple at the hour of

ran together to them in the porch which

prayer, the ninth hour. is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

2And a certain man lame from his 2

mother's womb was carried, whom they 1 So when Peter saw it, he responded to

the people: "Men of Israel, why do you

laid daily at the gate of the temple which

is called Beautiful, to ask alms from marvel at this? Or why look so intently at

those who entered the temple; us, as though by our own power or

godliness we had made this man walk?

3who, seeing Peter and John about to 13The God of Abraham, Isaac, and go into the temple, asked for alms. Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified 4 His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered

And fixing his eyes on him, with John,

up and denied in the presence of Pilate,

Peter said, "Look at us." when he was determined to let Him go.

5So he gave them his attention, 4But you denied the Holy One and the

1

expecting to receive something from

Just, and asked for a murderer to be

them.

granted to you,

6Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do 5

1 and killed the Prince of life, whom God

not have, but what I do have I give you:

raised from the dead, of which we are

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

witnesses.

rise up and walk."

¹⁶And His name, through faith in His

⁷And he took him by the right hand and

name, has made this man strong, whom

lifted him up, and immediately his feet

you see and know. Yes, the faith which

and ankle bones received strength.

comes through Him has given him this

⁸ perfect soundness in the presence of

So he, leaping up, stood and walked you all.

and entered the temple with them--

walking, leaping, and praising God. ¹⁷ 'Yet now, brethren, I know that you did

it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

'And all the people saw him walking and

praising God.

¹ ' But those things which God foretold by

the mouth of all His prophets, that the ⁴Now as they spoke to the people, the

Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

priests, the captain of the temple, and

1 the Sadducees came upon them,

' Repent therefore and be converted,

that your sins may be blotted out, so 2

being greatly disturbed that they taught

that times of refreshing may come from

the presence of the Lord, resurrection from the dead. the people and
preached in Jesus the

20 3And they laid hands on them, and put

and that He may send Jesus Christ,

who was preached to you before, them in custody until the next day,
for it

2 was already evening. 1 whom heaven must receive until the times of
restoration of all things, which 4

However, many of those who heard the

God has spoken by the mouth of all His

word believed; and the number of the

holy prophets since the world began. men came to be about five
thousand.

22For Moses truly said to the fathers, 5And it came to pass, on the next
day, "The LORD your God will raise up for that their rulers, elders,
and scribes, you a Prophet like me from your

brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, 6

whatever He says to you. as well as Annas the high priest,

Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as

2 many as were of the family of the high 3

And it shall be that every soul who will

priest, were gathered together at

not hear that Prophet shall be utterly

Jerusalem.

destroyed from among the people.'

2 Yes, and all the prophets, from

4 7 And when they had set them in the

midst, they asked, "By what power or by

Samuel and those who follow, as many

what name have you done this?"

as have spoken, have also foretold

these days. 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,

2 said to them, "Rulers of the people and 5 you are sons of the prophets,
and of

elders of Israel:

the covenant which God made with our

fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your 'If we this day are judged for
a good

seed all the families of the earth shall be

blessed.' deed done to a helpless man, by what

means he has been made well,

26 To you first, God, having raised up His 0 let it be known to you all,
and to all the

Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in

turning away every one of you from your people of Israel, that by the name of

iniquities." Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you

crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands
here of God to listen to you more than to God,

before you whole. you judge.

1 2 1 This is the "stone which was rejected OFor we cannot but speak
the things

by you builders, which has become the which we have seen and
heard." chief cornerstone.'

2 1

So when they had further threatened

12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for them, they let them go,
finding no way of

there is no other name under heaven punishing them, because of the
people,

given among men by which we must be since they all glorified God for
what had

saved." been done.

1 2 32

Now when they saw the boldness of For the man was over forty
years old

Peter and John, and perceived that they on whom this miracle of
healing had

were uneducated and untrained men, been performed. they marveled.

And they realized that

they had been with Jesus. 23And being let go, they went to their

own companions and reported all that

14

And seeing the man who had been the chief priests and elders had said to

healed standing with them, they could them. say nothing against it.

2 4

So when they heard that, they raised

15

But when they had commanded them their voice to God with one accord and

to go aside out of the council, they said: "Lord, You are God, who made

conferred among themselves, heaven and earth and the sea, and all

that is in them,

16saying, "What shall we do to these

2 5

men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle who by the mouth of Your servant

has been done through them is evident David have said: "Why did the nations

to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we rage, And the people plot vain things?

cannot deny it.

2 6The kings of the earth took their stand,

17But so that it spreads no further

And the rulers were gathered together
among the people, let us severely Against the LORD and against His
threaten them, that from now on they Christ.' speak to no man in this
name."

27 'For truly against Your holy Servant
18 So they called them and commanded Jesus, whom You anointed,
both Herod
them not to speak at all nor teach in the and Pontius Pilate, with the
Gentiles and
name of Jesus. the people of Israel, were gathered
together

19 But Peter and John answered and said
to them, "Whether it is right in the sight 2' to do whatever Your hand
and Your 37 having land, sold it, and brought the
purpose determined before to be done. money and laid it at the
apostles' feet.

29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and
grant to Your servants that with all 5 But a certain man named
Ananias,
boldness they may speak Your word,
with Sapphira his wife, sold a

30 possession. by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and
wonders may be 2

And he kept back part of the proceeds,
done through the name of Your holy his wife also being aware of it,
and

Servant Jesus." brought a certain part and laid it at the

31 apostles' feet.

And when they had prayed, the place

where they were assembled together 3But Peter said, "Ananias, why has was shaken; and they were all filled with Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word Spirit and keep back part of the price of of God with boldness. the land for yourself?

32Now the multitude of those who 4 While it remained, was it not your own? believed were of one heart and one And after it was sold, was it not in your soul; neither did anyone say that any of own control? Why have you conceived the things he possessed was his own, this thing in your heart? You have not but they had all things in common. lied to men but to God."

33 5 And with great power the apostles Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell gave witness to the resurrection of the down and breathed his last. So great Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon fear came upon all those who heard them all. these things.

34Nor was there anyone among them 6And the young men arose and wrapped who lacked; for all who were possessors him up, carried him out, and buried him. of lands or houses sold them, and

brought the proceeds of the things that 7

Now it was about three hours later

were sold,

when his wife came in, not knowing

35 what had happened. and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had 8

And Peter answered her, "Tell me

need.

whether you sold the land for so much?"

36 And Joses, who was also named She said, "Yes, for so much."

Barnabas by the apostles (which is "Then Peter said to her, "How is it that

translated Son of Encouragement), a

you have agreed together to test the

Levite of the country of Cyprus,

Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband 18 and laid their hands on the apostles are at the door, and they will carry you and put them in the common prison. out."

1' But at night an angel of the Lord

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Then immediately she fell down at his opened the prison doors and brought

feet and breathed her last. And the them out, and said, young men came in and found her dead,

and carrying her out, buried her by her 20 Go, stand in the temple and speak to husband. the people all the words of this life."

12 11 So great fear came upon all the church And when they heard that, they and upon all who heard these things. entered the temple early in the morning

1 those with him came and called the

2 And through the hands of the apostles and taught. But the high priest and

many signs and wonders were done council together, with all the
elders of

among the people. And they were all the children of Israel, and sent to
the

with one accord in Solomon's Porch. prison to have them brought.

1 2 2 3 Yet none of the rest dared join them,

But when the officers came and did

but the people esteemed them highly. not find them in the prison,
they returned

and reported,

14

And believers were increasingly added

2 3

to the Lord, multitudes of both men and saying, "Indeed we found the
prison

women, shut securely, and the guards standing

outside before the doors; but when we

15 opened them, we found no one inside!"

so that they brought the sick out into

the streets and laid them on beds and

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couches, that at least the shadow of Now when the high priest, the
captain

Peter passing by might fall on some of of the temple, and the chief
priests

them. heard these things, they wondered what

16Also a multitude gathered from the

2 5

surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing So one came and told them,
saying,

sick people and those who were "Look, the men whom you put in
prison

tormented by unclean spirits, and they are standing in the temple and
teaching

were all healed. the people!"

1 2 76Then the captain went with the officers

Then the high priest rose up, and all

those who were with him (which is the and brought them without
violence, for

sect of the Sadducees), and they were they feared the people, lest they
should

filled with indignation, be stoned.

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And when they had brought them, they men, about four hundred,
joined him. He

set them before the council. And the was slain, and all who obeyed
him were

high priest asked them, scattered and came to nothing.

2 3 7

' saying, "Did we not strictly command After this man, Judas of Galilee
rose

you not to teach in this name? And look, up in the days of the census,

and drew

you have filled Jerusalem with your away many people after him. He also

doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's perished, and all who obeyed him were

blood on us!" dispersed.

2' But Peter and the other apostles 38And now I say to you, keep away from

answered and said: "We ought to obey these men and let them alone; for if this

God rather than men. plan or this work is of men, it will come

to nothing;

30The God of our fathers raised up

Jesus whom you murdered by hanging 3' but if it is of God, you cannot

on a tree. overthrow it--lest you even be found to

fight against God."

31

Him God has exalted to His right hand 0And they agreed with him, and when

to be Prince and Savior, to give 4

repentance to Israel and forgiveness of they had called for the apostles and

sins. beaten them, they commanded that they

should not speak in the name of Jesus,

32 and let them go. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit

whom God has given to those who obey So they departed from the presence of

Him." the council, rejoicing that they were

counted worthy to suffer shame for His

33When they heard this, they were name.

furiously and plotted to kill them. 2And daily in the temple, and in every

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34Then one in the council stood up, a

house, they did not cease teaching and

Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of preaching Jesus as the Christ. the law held in respect by all the people,

and commanded them to put the

apostles outside for a little while. 6Now in those days, when the number

35And he said to them: "Men of Israel, of the disciples was multiplying, there

arose a complaint against the Hebrews

take heed to yourselves what you intend by the Hellenists, because their widows

to do regarding these men. were neglected in the daily distribution.

36For some time ago Theudas rose up, 2 Then the twelve summoned the claiming to be somebody. A number of multitude of the disciples and said, "It is

not desirable that we should leave the Then they secretly induced men to say,

word of God and serve tables. "We have heard him speak

blasphemous words against Moses and

3Therefore, brethren, seek out from God." among you seven men of good

1 2

reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and And they stirred up the people, the

wisdom, whom we may appoint over this elders, and the scribes; and they came

business; upon him, seized him, and brought him

to the council.

4but we will give ourselves continually to 3They also set up false witnesses who

prayer and to the ministry of the word." 1

said, "This man does not cease to speak

5 blasphemous words against this holy And the saying pleased the whole

multitude. And they chose Stephen, a place and the law; man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and

Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, 14 or we have heard him say that this Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place

from Antioch, and change the customs which Moses

delivered to us."

6whom they set before the apostles; and 5And all who sat in the council, looking

when they had prayed, they laid hands 1

on them. steadfastly at him, saw his face as the

face of an angel.

7Then the word of God spread, and the

number of the disciples multiplied

greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many 7Then the high priest said,
"Are these

of the priests were obedient to the faith.

things so?"

8And Stephen, full of faith and power,

2 And he said, "Brethren and fathers,

did great wonders and signs among the

listen: The God of glory appeared to our

people.

father Abraham when he was in

Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

"Then there arose some from what is

called the Synagogue of the Freedmen h

and said to him, "Get out of your

(Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those

country and from your relatives, and

from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with

come to a land that I will show you.'

Stephen.

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0And they were not able to resist the 4 Then he came out of the land of the

Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And

wisdom and the Spirit by which he

from there, when his father was dead,

spoke.

He moved him to this land in which you

now dwell.

5 1 And God gave him no inheritance in it, 3And the second time Joseph was not even enough to set his foot on. But made known to his brothers, and

even when Abraham had no child, He Joseph's family became known to the

promised to give it to him for a Pharaoh. possession, and to his descendants

after him. 1 4Then Joseph sent and called his father

Jacob and all his relatives to him,

6But God spoke in this way: that his seventy-five people. descendants would dwell in a foreign

land, and that they would bring them 1 5So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he into bondage and oppress them four died, he and our fathers. hundred years.

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7 And they were carried back to

And the nation to whom they will be in Shechem and laid in the tomb that

bondage I will judge,' said God, "and Abraham bought for a sum of money

after that they shall come out and serve from the sons of Hamor, the father of

Me in this place.' Shechem.

8 1 Then He gave him the covenant of 7 But when the time of the promise circumcision; and so Abraham begot drew near which God had sworn to

Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth Abraham, the people grew and day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob multiplied in Egypt begot the twelve patriarchs.

1 8

till another king arose who did not

"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, know Joseph. sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was

with him 1

' This man dealt treacherously with our

1 people, and oppressed our forefathers, 0 and delivered him out of all his making them expose their babies, so

troubles, and gave him favor and that they might not live. wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh,

king of Egypt; and he made him 2 0At this time Moses was born, and was governor over Egypt and all his house.

well pleasing to God; and he was

1 brought up in his father's house for three 1 Now a famine and great trouble came months.

over all the land of Egypt and Canaan,

and our fathers found no sustenance. 21But when he was set out, Pharaoh's

1 daughter took him away and brought 2But when Jacob heard that there was

him up as her own son.

grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers

first. 22

And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

23 Now when he was forty years old, it

and the God of Jacob.' And Moses

came into his heart to visit his brethren, trembled and dared not look. the children of Israel.

2 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, your sandals off your feet, for the place

4 334"Then the LORD said to him, "Take

he defended and avenged him who was where you stand is holy ground. oppressed, and struck down the

Egyptian. 34a have surely seen the oppression of

My people who are in Egypt; I have

25For he supposed that his brethren

heard their groaning and have come

would have understood that God would down to deliver them. And now come, I

deliver them by his hand, but they did will send you to Egypt." not understand.

354" This Moses whom they rejected,

26 And the next day he appeared to two

saying, "Who made you a ruler and a

of them as they were fighting, and tried judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler to reconcile them, saying, "Men, you are and a deliverer by the hand of the Angel

brethren; why do you wrong one who appeared to him in the bush. another?'

2 But he who did his neighbor wrong shown wonders and signs in the land of

7 36 He brought them out, after he had

pushed him away, saying, "Who made Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the

you a ruler and a judge over us? wilderness forty years.

2 374 ' Do you want to kill me as you did the ' This is that Moses who said to the

Egyptian yesterday?' children of Israel, "The LORD your God

will raise up for you a Prophet like me

2 from your brethren. Him you shall hear.' ' Then, at this saying, Moses fled and

became a dweller in the land of Midian, 3" This where he had two sons. is he who was in the

congregation in the wilderness with the

30 And when forty years had passed, an Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai,

Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a and with our fathers, the one who

flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness received the living oracles to give to us,

of Mount Sinai. 39whom our fathers would not obey, but

31 rejected. And in their hearts they turned

When Moses saw it, he marveled at
the sight; and as he drew near to back to Egypt,

observe, the voice of the Lord came to 0saying to Aaron, "Make us gods to go

him, 4

before us; as for this Moses who

32 brought us out of the land of Egypt, we saying, "I am the God of your fathers--

the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, do not know what has become of him.'

4 5 10Has My hand not made all these

And they made a calf in those days,
offered sacrifices to the idol, and things?' rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then God turned and gave them up to heart and ears! You always resist the

worship the host of heaven, as it is Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do

written in the book of the Prophets: "Did you. you offer Me slaughtered animals and

sacrifices during forty years in the 52Which of the prophets did your fathers wilderness, O house of Israel? not persecute? And they killed those

4 of whom you now have become the

3 ou also took up the tabernacle of who foretold the coming of the Just One,

Moloch, And the star of your god betrayers and murderers, Remphan, Images which you made to

worship; And I will carry you away 53who have received the law by the beyond Babylon.' direction of angels and have not kept it."

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of 54

When they heard these things they

witness in the wilderness, as He were cut to the heart, and they gnashed

appointed, instructing Moses to make it at him with their teeth. according to the pattern that he had

seen, 55But he, being full of the Holy Spirit,

4 gazed into heaven and saw the glory of 5which our fathers, having received it in

God, and Jesus standing at the right

turn, also brought with Joshua into the hand of God, land possessed
by the Gentiles, whom

God drove out before the face of our ⁵⁶

and said, "Look! I see the heavens

fathers until the days of David,

opened and the Son of Man standing at

⁴ the right hand of God!" ⁶who found favor before God and

asked to find a dwelling for the God of ⁵⁷Then they cried out with a
loud voice, Jacob.

stopped their ears, and ran at him with

⁴ one accord; ⁷ But Solomon built Him a house.

⁵⁸

⁴ and they cast him out of the city and ⁸ However, the Most High does
not

stoned him. And the witnesses laid

dwelt in temples made with hands, as down their clothes at the feet of
a young

the prophet says: man named Saul.

⁴⁹ Heaven is My throne, And earth is My

^{5'} And they stoned Stephen as he was

footstool. What house will you build for calling on God and saying,
"Lord Jesus,

Me? says the LORD, Or what is the receive my spirit." place of My

rest?

60Then he knelt down and cried out with

Samaria, claiming that he was someone

a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them great, with this sin." And
when he had said this,

he fell asleep. 10to whom they all gave heed, from the

least to the greatest, saying, "This man

is the great power of God."

8Now Saul was consenting to his

death. At that time a great persecution And they heeded him because
he had 1 1

arose against the church which was at astonished them with his
sorceries for a

Jerusalem; and they were all scattered long time. throughout the
regions of Judea and

Samaria, except the apostles. 1 2But when they believed Philip as he

preached the things concerning the

2 kingdom of God and the name of Jesus And devout men carried
Stephen to his

burial, and made great lamentation over Christ, both men and women
were

him. baptized.

3As for Saul, he made havoc of the 1 3Then Simon himself also
believed; and church, entering every house, and when he was baptized
he continued with

dragging Philip, and was amazed, seeing the off men and women,
committing them to prison. miracles and signs which were done.

4 14 Therefore those who were scattered Now when the apostles who were at

went everywhere preaching the word. Jerusalem heard that Samaria had

received the word of God, they sent

5 Peter and John to them,

Then Philip went down to the city of

Samaria and preached Christ to them. 1 5who, when they had come down,

6 prayed for them that they might receive And the multitudes with one accord

heeded the things spoken by Philip, the Holy Spirit.

hearing and seeing the miracles which 1 6For as yet He had fallen upon none of he did.

them. They had only been baptized in

7 the name of the Lord Jesus. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud

voice, came out of many who were 1 7Then they laid hands on them, and possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. they received the Holy Spirit.

8 1 8And when Simon saw that through the

And there was great joy in that city.

laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy

Spirit was given, he offered them money,

'But there was a certain man called

Simon, who previously practiced sorcery

in the city and astonished the people of 1 2 9 saying, "Give me this power also, that 8 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, anyone on whom I lay hands may he was reading Isaiah the prophet. receive the Holy Spirit."

2 ' Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near

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But Peter said to him, "Your money and overtake this chariot."

perish with you, because you thought

that the gift of God could be purchased 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him with money! reading the prophet Isaiah, and said,

2 reading?"

1 ou have neither part nor portion in "Do you understand what you are

this matter, for your heart is not right in

the sight of God. 31 And he said, "How can I, unless

2 Philip to come up and sit with him.

2 Repent therefore of this your someone guides me?" And he asked

wickedness, and pray God if perhaps

the thought of your heart may be 3 2

The place in the Scripture which he forgiven you. read was this: "He was led as a sheep

2 its shearer is silent, So He opened not

3 For I see that you are poisoned by to the slaughter; And as a lamb

before

bitterness and bound by iniquity." His mouth.

24 33 n His humiliation His justice was taken

Then Simon answered and said, "Pray
to the Lord for me, that none of the away, And who will declare His
things which you have spoken may generation? For His life is taken
from
come upon me." the earth."

25 34

So when they had testified and So the eunuch answered Philip and
preached the word of the Lord, they said, "I ask you, of whom does the
returned to Jerusalem, preaching the prophet say this, of himself or of
some
gospel in many villages of the other man?" Samaritans.

3 5Then Philip opened his mouth, and

26Now an angel of the Lord spoke to

beginning at this Scripture, preached

Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the Jesus to him. south along the
road which goes down

from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 36Now as they went down the
road, they

came to some water. And the eunuch

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So he arose and went. And behold, a said, "See, here is water. What
hinders

man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great me from being baptized?"

authority under Candace the queen of

the Ethiopians, who had charge of all ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all her treasury, and had come to your heart, you may." And he answered

Jerusalem to worship, and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is ⁶ So he, trembling and astonished, said,

the Son of God." "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go

³⁸ into the city, and you will be told what So he commanded the chariot to stand

still. And both Philip and the eunuch you must do." went down into the water, and he

baptized him. ⁷ And the men who journeyed with him

stood speechless, hearing a voice but

³ seeing no one. ' Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught

Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him ⁸ Then Saul arose from the ground, and no more; and he went on his way when his eyes were opened he saw no

rejoicing. one. But they led him by the hand and

brought him into Damascus.

⁴⁰ But Philip was found at Azotus. And

passing through, he preached in all the ' And he was three days without sight,

cities till he came to Caesarea. and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a certain disciple at

⁹ Then Saul, still breathing threats and Damascus named Ananias; and to him

the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And
murder against the disciples of the Lord,
went to the high priest he said, "Here I am, Lord."

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2 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go and asked letters from him to
the
to the street called Straight, and inquire
synagogues of Damascus, so that if he
found any who were of the Way, at the house of Judas for one called
Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.
whether men or women, he might bring

them bound to Jerusalem. 1 2And in a vision he has seen a man

3As he journeyed he came near named Ananias coming in and putting
his hand on him, so that he might Damascus, and suddenly a light
shone receive his sight." around him from heaven.

1 3Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have
voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why heard from many about this
man, how 4Then he fell to the ground, and heard a
are you persecuting Me?" much harm he has done to Your saints
in Jerusalem.

5And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" 4

Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom 1 And here he has authority
from the

you are persecuting. It is hard for you to chief priests to bind all who

call on Your

kick against the goads." name."

1 2 5 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is

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But their plot became known to Saul.

a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My And they watched the gates day
and

name before Gentiles, kings, and the night, to kill him. children of
Israel.

2 5

Then the disciples took him by night

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For I will show him how many things and let him down through the
wall in a

he must suffer for My name's sake." large basket.

1 2 76

And Ananias went his way and And when Saul had come to

entered the house; and laying his hands Jerusalem, he tried to join the
disciples;

on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord but they were all afraid of
him, and did

Jesus, who appeared to you on the road not believe that he was a
disciple. as you came, has sent me that you may

receive your sight and be filled with the 2 7 But Barnabas took him and
brought Holy Spirit." him to the apostles. And he declared to

them how he had seen the Lord on the

1' Immediately there fell from his eyes road, and that He had spoken
to him,

something like scales, and he received and how he had preached boldly at

his sight at once; and he arose and was Damascus in the name of Jesus. baptized.

2 8So he was with them at Jerusalem,

1 ' So when he had received food, he was coming in and going out. strengthened. Then Saul spent some

days with the disciples at Damascus. 2 ' And he spoke boldly in the name of

2 Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

0 mediately he preached the Christ in the Lord Jesus and disputed against the

the synagogues, that He is the Son of

God. 30

When the brethren found out, they

brought him down to Caesarea and sent

21Then all who heard were amazed, and

him out to Tarsus.

said, "Is this not he who destroyed those

who called on this name in Jerusalem, 31Then the churches throughout all and has come here for that purpose, so Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace

that he might bring them bound to the and were edified. And walking in the

chief priests?" fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the

Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

But Saul increased all the more in

strength, and confounded the Jews who 32Now it came to pass, as Peter went

dwelt in Damascus, proving that this through all parts of the country, that he

Jesus is the Christ. also came down to the saints who dwelt

2

3Now after many days were past, the in Lydda.

Jews plotted to kill him.

33There he found a certain man named saints and widows, he presented her

Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight alive. years and was paralyzed.

4 2

And it became known throughout all

34

And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

the Christ heals you. Arise and make

your bed." Then he arose immediately. 4 3So it was that he stayed many days in

Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

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So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon

saw him and turned to the Lord.

3 1 OThere was a certain man in 6At Joppa there was a certain disciple

Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion
named Tabitha, which is translated
of what was called the Italian Regiment,
Dorcas. This woman was full of good
works and charitable deeds which she 2

a devout man and one who feared God
did.

with all his household, who gave alms
37But it happened in those days that she generously to the people,
and prayed to

God always.
became sick and died. When they had
washed her, they laid her in an upper 3About the ninth hour of the
day he saw
room.

clearly in a vision an angel of God
3' And since Lydda was near Joppa, and coming in and saying to him,
"Cornelius!"

the disciples had heard that Peter was
there, they sent two men to him, 4
imploing him not to delay in coming to And when he observed him,
he was
them. afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he
said to him, "Your prayers and your

3 alms have come up for a memorial ' Then Peter arose and went with

them. before God. When he had come, they brought him to

the upper room. And all the widows ⁵Now send men to Joppa, and
send for stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments
which Dorcas had Simon whose surname is Peter.

made while she was with them. ⁶He is lodging with Simon, a tanner,

⁴⁰But Peter put them all out, and knelt

whose house is by the sea. He will tell

down and prayed. And turning to the you what you must do." body he
said, "Tabitha, arise." And she

opened her eyes, and when she saw ⁷And when the angel who spoke
to him Peter she sat up. had departed, Cornelius called two of

his household servants and a devout

⁴¹Then he gave her his hand and lifted

soldier from among those who waited on

her up; and when he had called the him continually.

^{8 1} So when he had explained all these ⁸And they called and asked
whether things to them, he sent them to Joppa. Simon, whose
surname was Peter, was

lodging there.

"The next day, as they went on their

journey and drew near the city, Peter ¹ ' While Peter thought about the
vision, went up on the housetop to pray, about the Spirit said to him,
"Behold, three

the sixth hour. men are seeking you.

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Then he became very hungry and Arise therefore, go down and go

with

wanted to eat; but while they made them, doubting nothing; for I have sent

ready, he fell into a trance them."

1 2 11

and saw heaven opened and an object Then Peter went down to the men who

like a great sheet bound at the four had been sent to him from Cornelius,

corners, descending to him and let down and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek.

to the earth. For what reason have you come?"

1 2 2 n it were all kinds of four-footed

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And they said, "Cornelius the centurion,

animals of the earth, wild beasts, a just man, one who fears God and has

creeping things, and birds of the air. a good reputation among all the nation

of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a

13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter;

holy angel to summon you to his house,

kill and eat." and to hear words from you."

1 2 3 4 Then he invited them in and lodged But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or them. On the next day Peter went away

unclean." with them, and some brethren from

Joppa accompanied him.

15And a voice spoke to him again the

2 4And the following day they entered

second time, "What God has cleansed

you must not call common." Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting

for them, and had called together his

16 relatives and close friends.

This was done three times. And the

object was taken up into heaven again. 25As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met 17 him and fell down at his feet and

Now while Peter wondered within

worshiped him.

himself what this vision which he had

seen meant, behold, the men who had 2 6But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood up; I myself am also a man." before the gate.

2 7

And as he talked with him, he went in

and found many who had come together.

2' Then he said to them, "You know how 37that word you know, which was

unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep proclaimed throughout all Judea, and

company with or go to one of another began from Galilee after the baptism

nation. But God has shown me that I which John preached: should not call any man common or

unclean. 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and with power, who

2' Therefore I came without objection as went about doing good and healing all

soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for who were oppressed by the devil, for

what reason have you sent for me?" God was with Him.

30So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I 3' And we are witnesses of all things

was fasting until this hour; and at the which He did both in the land of the

ninth hour I prayed in my house, and Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they

behold, a man stood before me in bright killed by hanging on a tree. clothing,

4 0

Him God raised up on the third day,

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and said, "Cornelius, your prayer has and showed Him openly, been heard, and your alms are

remembered in the sight of God. 1 4not to all the people, but to witnesses

32 therefore to Joppa and call Send chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose

Simon here, whose surname is Peter. from the dead. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a

tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he 4 2And He commanded us to preach to will speak to you.' the people, and to testify that it is He

33So who was ordained by God to be Judge

I sent to you immediately, and you of the living and the dead.

have done well to come. Now therefore,

we are all present before God, to hear 4 3To Him all the prophets witness that, all the things commanded you by God." through His name, whoever believes in

Him will receive remission of sins."

34

Then Peter opened his mouth and

said: "In truth I perceive that God shows 4 4While Peter was still speaking these no partiality. words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those

who heard the word.

35

But in every nation whoever fears Him

and works righteousness is accepted by 4 5And those of the circumcision who Him. believed were astonished, as many as

3 Holy Spirit had been poured out on the

6The word which God sent to the came with Peter, because the gift of the

children of Israel, preaching peace Gentiles also. through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all--

4 8 6For they heard them speak with

But I said, "Not so, Lord! For nothing

tongues and magnify God. Then Peter common or unclean has at any time

answered, entered my mouth.'

47 Can anyone forbid water, that these 'But the voice answered me again from

should not be baptized who have heaven, "What God has cleansed you received the Holy Spirit just as we must not call common.' have?"

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4 were drawn up again into heaven.

8And he commanded them to be Now this was done three times, and all

baptized in the name of the Lord. Then

they asked him to stay a few days. 1 1At that very moment, three men stood

before the house where I was, having
been sent to me from Caesarea.

1 1 Now the apostles and brethren

who were in Judea heard that the Then the Spirit told me to go with them, 1 2

Gentiles had also received the word of doubting nothing. Moreover these six

God. brethren accompanied me, and we

entered the man's house.

2And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, 3And he told us how he had

seen an

those of the circumcision contended ¹

with him, angel standing in his house, who said to

him, "Send men to Joppa, and call for

³ Simon whose surname is Peter,

saying, "You went in to uncircumcised

men and ate with them!" ¹ ⁴who will tell you words by which you ⁴
and all your household will be saved.'

But Peter explained it to them in order

from the beginning, saying: ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy

⁵ Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the I was in the city of Joppa
praying; and

in a trance I saw a vision, an object beginning.

descending like a great sheet, let down ¹ ⁶Then I remembered the
word of the from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. Lord,
how He said, "John indeed

baptized with water, but you shall be

⁶ baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

When I observed it intently and

considered, I saw four-footed animals of ¹ ⁷) therefore God gave them
the same the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air.
gift as He gave us when we believed on

the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I

⁷ could withstand God?" And I heard a voice saying to me, "Rise,

Peter; kill and eat.'

¹ When they heard these things they people. And the disciples were first

became silent; and they glorified God, called Christians in Antioch. saying, "Then God has also granted to

the Gentiles repentance to life." ² 7

And in these days prophets came from

Jerusalem to Antioch.

¹ ' Now those who were scattered after

the persecution that arose over Stephen ² 8

Then one of them, named Agabus,

traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that

and Antioch, preaching the word to no there was going to be a great famine

one but the Jews only. throughout all the world, which also

² Caesar.

0But some of them were men from happened in the days of Claudius

Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they

had come to Antioch, spoke to the ² ' Then the disciples, each according to Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. his ability, determined to send relief to

the brethren dwelling in Judea.

²¹

And the hand of the Lord was with

them, and a great number believed and ³⁰This they also did, and sent it to the turned to the Lord. elders by the hands of Barnabas and

2 Saul.

2

Then news of these things came to the

ears of the church in Jerusalem, and

they sent out Barnabas to go as far as 1 2Now about that time
Herod the Antioch.

king stretched out his hand to harass

2 some from the church. 3

When he came and had seen the

grace of God, he was glad, and 2Then he killed James the brother of
encouraged them all that with purpose John with the sword. of heart
they should continue with the

Lord. 3And because he saw that it pleased the

24 Jews, he proceeded further to seize

For he was a good man, full of the

Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great Peter also. Now it was during the
Days

many people were added to the Lord. of Unleavened Bread.

2 So when he had arrested him, he put

5Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to 4

seek Saul. him in prison, and delivered him to four

squads of soldiers to keep him,

2 intending to bring him before the people 6And when he had found

him, he

after Passover.

brought him to Antioch. So it was that

for a whole year they assembled with ⁵Peter was therefore kept in prison, but the church and taught a great many

constant prayer was offered to God for

him by the church.

⁶ ¹ And when Herod was about to bring ³ And as Peter knocked at the door of him out, that night Peter was sleeping, the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to

bound with two chains between two answer. soldiers; and the guards before the door

were keeping the prison. ¹ ⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice,

because of her gladness she did not

⁷ Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood open the gate, but ran in and

by him, and a light shone in the prison; announced that Peter stood before the

and he struck Peter on the side and gate. raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!"

And his chains fell off his hands. ¹ ⁵ But they said to her, "You are beside

yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it

⁸ Then the angel said to him, "Gird was so. So they said, "It is his angel."

yourself and tie on your sandals"; and

so he did. And he said to him, "Put on ¹ ⁶ Now Peter continued knocking; and your garment and follow me." when they opened the door and saw

him, they were astonished.

'So he went out and followed him, and

did not know that what was done by the ¹⁷But motioning to them with his hand to angel was real, but thought he was keep silent, he declared to them how the

seeing a vision. Lord had brought him out of the prison.

¹ James and to the brethren." And he

⁰When they were past the first and the And he said, "Go, tell these things to

second guard posts, they came to the departed and went to another place.

iron gate that leads to the city, which

opened to them of its own accord; and ¹ ⁸Then, as soon as it was day, there they went out and went down one street, was no small stir among the soldiers

and immediately the angel departed about what had become of Peter. from him.

¹ ' But when Herod had searched for him

¹¹ And when Peter had come to himself, and not found him, he examined the

he said, "Now I know for certain that the guards and commanded that they

Lord has sent His angel, and has should be put to death. And he went delivered me from the hand of Herod down from Judea to Caesarea, and

and from all the expectation of the stayed there. Jewish people."

¹ Now Herod had been very angry with ² ² ⁰

So, when he had considered this, he the people of Tyre and Sidon;

but they

came to the house of Mary, the mother came to him with one accord,
and

of John whose surname was Mark, having made Blastus the king's
personal where many were gathered together aide their friend, they
asked for peace,

praying. because their country was supplied with

food by the king's country.

21

So on a set day Herod, arrayed in synagogues of the Jews. They also
had

royal apparel, sat on his throne and John as their assistant. gave an
oration to them.

2 And the people kept shouting, "The island to Paphos, they found a
certain

2 6Now when they had gone through the

voice of a god and not of a man!" sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew
whose

name was Bar-Jesus,

23

Then immediately an angel of the Lord

struck him, because he did not give 7who was with the proconsul,
Sergius glory to God. And he was eaten by Paulus, an intelligent man.
This man

worms and died. called for Barnabas and Saul and

sought to hear the word of God.

But the word of God grew and multiplied. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, ²⁵And Barnabas and Saul returned from seeking to turn the proconsul away from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their the faith. ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark. ⁹ Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

¹ ³Now in the church that was at ¹⁰and said, "O full of all deceit and all Antioch there were certain prophets and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was of all righteousness, will you not cease called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen perverting the straight ways of the Lord? who had been brought up with Herod

the tetrarch, and Saul. ¹ ¹And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord ² is upon you, and you shall be blind, not

As they ministered to the Lord and seeing the sun for a time." And fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now immediately a dark mist fell on him, and separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for he went around seeking someone to the work to which I have called them."

lead him by the hand.

3Then, having fasted and prayed, and ¹ 2Then the proconsul believed,
when he laid hands on them, they sent them saw what had been done,
being away. astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

4So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, 3Now when Paul and his party
set sail

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they went down to Seleucia, and from

from Paphos, they came to Perga in

there they sailed to Cyprus.

Pamphylia; and John, departing from

⁵ them, returned to Jerusalem.

And when they arrived in Salamis, they

preached the word of God in the

¹⁴

But when they departed from Perga, man after My own heart, who
will do all

they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and My will.' went into the synagogue
on the Sabbath

day and sat down. ² 3From this man's seed, according to the

promise, God raised up for Israel a

¹⁵

And after the reading of the Law and Savior--Jesus--

the Prophets, the rulers of the

synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men ² 4

after John had first preached, before

and brethren, if you have any word of His coming, the baptism of repentance

exhortation for the people, say on." to all the people of Israel.

12 6Then Paul stood up, and motioning 5And as John was finishing his course, with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and he said, "Who do you think I am? I am

you who fear God, listen: not He. But behold, there comes One

after me, the sandals of whose feet I am

17

The God of this people Israel chose not worthy to loose.'

our fathers, and exalted the people

when they dwelt as strangers in the land 26 Men and brethren, sons of the family of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He of Abraham, and those among you who

brought them out of it. fear God, to you the word of this

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8Now for a time of about forty years He salvation has been sent.

put up with their ways in the wilderness. 2 7

For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and

their rulers, because they did not know

1' And when He had destroyed seven Him, nor even the voices of the

nations in the land of Canaan, He Prophets which are read every Sabbath,

distributed their land to them by have fulfilled them in condemning Him.

allotment.

2 8And though they found no cause for

20§§After that He gave them judges for

death in Him, they asked Pilate that He

about four hundred and fifty years, until should be put to death.
Samuel the prophet.

2 ' Now when they had fulfilled all that

21

And afterward they asked for a king; was written concerning Him,
they took

so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, Him down from the tree and
laid Him in

a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty a tomb. years.

2 And when He had removed him, He

2 30But God raised Him from the dead.

raised up for them David as king, to 31He was seen for many days by
those

whom also He gave testimony and said, who came up with Him from
Galilee to

"I have found David the son of Jesse, a Jerusalem, who are His
witnesses to the

people.

32And we declare to you glad tidings-- 4 2So when the Jews went out
of the that promise which was made to the synagogue, the Gentiles
begged that

fathers. these words might be preached to them

the next Sabbath.

God has fulfilled this for us their

4 3

children, in that He has raised up Jesus. Now when the congregation had

As it is also written in the second Psalm: broken up, many of the Jews and

"You are My Son, Today I have devout proselytes followed Paul and begotten You.' Barnabas, who, speaking to them,

persuaded them to continue in the grace

34 And that He raised Him from the dead,

of God.

no more to return to corruption, He has

spoken thus: "I will give you the sure 4 4

On the next Sabbath almost the whole

mercies of David.' city came together to hear the word of

God.

35 Therefore He also says in another

4 5

Psalm: "You will not allow Your Holy But when the Jews saw the multitudes,

One to see corruption.' they were filled with envy; and

contradicting and blaspheming, they

36 'For David, after he had served his

opposed the things spoken by Paul.

own generation by the will of God, fell

asleep, was buried with his fathers, and 4 6Then Paul and Barnabas
grew bold saw corruption; and said, "It was necessary that the

word of God should be spoken to you

37 first; but since you reject it, and judge but He whom God raised up
saw no

corruption. yourselves unworthy of everlasting life,

behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

3' Therefore let it be known to you, 47For so the Lord has commanded
us: "I brethren, that through this Man is

preached to you the forgiveness of sins; have set you as a light to the
Gentiles,

That you should be for salvation to the

3 ends of the earth." ' and by Him everyone who believes is

justified from all things from which you 4 8Now when the Gentiles
heard this, could not be justified by the law of

Moses. they were glad and glorified the word of

the Lord. And as many as had been

4 appointed to eternal life believed. 0Beware therefore, lest what has
been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

4' And the word of the Lord was being

4 1 Behold, you despisers, Marvel and spread throughout all the
region.

perish! For I work a work in your days, A 50But the Jews stirred up the
devout and work which you will by no means believe, Though one
were to declare it to you." prominent women and the chief men of the
city, raised up persecution against 8And in Lystra a certain man
without Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them strength in his feet was
sitting, a cripple

from their region. from his mother's womb, who had never

walked.

51

But they shook off the dust from their

feet against them, and came to Iconium. 'This man heard Paul speaking. Paul,

observing him intently and seeing that

52 he had faith to be healed,

And the disciples were filled with joy
and with the Holy Spirit.

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said with a loud voice, "Stand up

straight on your feet!" And he leaped

1 and walked. 4Now it happened in Iconium that

they went together to the synagogue of 1 1Now when the people saw
what Paul the Jews, and so spoke that a great

multitude both of the Jews and of the had done, they raised their
voices,

saying in the Lycaonian language, "The

Greeks believed.

gods have come down to us in the

2 likeness of men!"

But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the

Gentiles and poisoned their minds 12And Barnabas they called Zeus,

and against the brethren. Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief

3Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaker.

speaking boldly in the Lord, who was ¹ 3Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple bearing witness to the word of His grace, was in front of their city, brought oxen granting signs and wonders to be done and garlands to the gates, intending to by their hands. sacrifice with the multitudes.

4But the multitude of the city was 4But when the apostles Barnabas and

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divided: part sided with the Jews, and

part with the apostles. Paul heard this, they tore their clothes

and ran in among the multitude, crying

5 out

And when a violent attempt was made

by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their ¹ 5and saying, "Men, why are you doing rulers, to abuse and stone them, these things? We also are men with the ⁶ same nature as you, and preach to you

they became aware of it and fled to that you should turn from these useless

Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, things to the living God, who made the

and to the surrounding region. heaven, the earth, the sea, and all

⁷ things that are in them,

And they were preaching the gospel

there. ¹ 6who in bygone generations allowed all

nations to walk in their own ways.

1 2 7 6 From there they sailed to Antioch,

Nevertheless He did not leave Himself

without witness, in that He did good, where they had been
commended to the

gave us rain from heaven and fruitful grace of God for the work which
they

seasons, filling our hearts with food and had completed. gladness."

2 7

Now when they had come and

1' And with these sayings they could gathered the church together,
they

scarcely restrain the multitudes from reported all that God had done
with

sacrificing to them. them, and that He had opened the door

of faith to the Gentiles.

1' Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium

2 8

came there; and having persuaded the So they stayed there a long
time with

multitudes, they stoned Paul and the disciples. dragged him out of the
city, supposing

him to be dead.

2 1 5 And certain men came down from 0 However, when the
disciples gathered

Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless

around him, he rose up and went into

you are circumcised according to the
the city. And the next day he departed

custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."
with Barnabas to Derbe.

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1And when they had preached the 2 Therefore, when Paul and
Barnabas

had no small dissension and dispute
gospel to that city and made many

with them, they determined that Paul
disciples, they returned to Lystra,

and Barnabas and certain others of
Iconium, and Antioch,

them should go up to Jerusalem, to the
2 apostles and elders, about this question. 2strengthening the souls of
the disciples,

exhorting them to continue in the faith, 3

So, being sent on their way by the
and saying, "We must through many

church, they passed through Phoenicia
tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

and Samaria, describing the conversion

2 of the Gentiles; and they caused great 3 So when they had appointed
elders in joy to all the brethren. every church, and prayed with

fasting,

they commended them to the Lord in 4

And when they had come to Jerusalem,

whom they had believed.

they were received by the church and

2 the apostles and the elders; and they 4 And after they had passed through reported all things that God had done Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. with them.

25 Now when they had preached the

5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees

word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. who believed rose up, saying, "It is

necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of 15 And with this the words of the prophets Moses." agree, just as it is written:

6 1 Now the apostles and elders came 6 § After this I will return And will rebuild together to consider this matter. the tabernacle of David, which has fallen

down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will

7 set it up; And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them:

1 7

"Men and brethren, you know that a So that the rest of mankind may seek

good while ago God chose among us, the LORD. Even all the Gentiles who

that by my mouth the Gentiles should be called by My name, Says the LORD

hear the word of the gospel and believe. who does all these things.'

'So God, who knows the heart, ¹ " Known to God from eternity are all His acknowledged them by giving them the works. Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

¹ ' Therefore I judge that we should not

'and made no distinction between us trouble those from among the Gentiles

and them, purifying their hearts by faith. who are turning to God,

^{1 2 0 0} Now therefore, why do you test God

but that we write to them to abstain

by putting a yoke on the neck of the from things polluted by idols, from

disciples which neither our fathers nor sexual immorality, from things strangled,

we were able to bear? and from blood.

^{1 2 11}

But we believe that through the grace For Moses has had throughout many

of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be generations those who preach him in

saved in the same manner as they." every city, being read in the synagogues

every Sabbath."

Then all the multitude kept silent and 2Then it pleased the apostles
and
listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring 2
how many miracles and wonders God elders, with the whole church,
to send
had worked through them among the chosen men of their own
company to
Gentiles. Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely,
Judas who was also named Barsabas,
13And after they had become silent,
and Silas, leading men among the
James answered, saying, "Men and brethren.
brethren, listen to me: 3They wrote this, letter by them: The
2
14 apostles, the elders, and the brethren,
Simon has declared how God at the
first visited the Gentiles to take out of To the brethren who are of
the Gentiles
them a people for His name. in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.
24 33And after they had stayed there for a
Since we have heard that some who
went out from us have troubled you with time, they were sent back
with greetings
words, unsettling your souls, saying, from the brethren to the apostles.
"You must be circumcised and keep the
law" --to whom we gave no such 34However, it seemed good to Silas
to

commandment-- remain there.

25it seemed good to us, being

35

Paul and Barnabas also remained in
assembled with one accord, to send Antioch, teaching and preaching
the

chosen men to you with our beloved word of the Lord, with many
others also.

Barnabas and Paul,

36Then after some days Paul said to
26 en who have risked their lives for the

Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit
name of our Lord Jesus Christ. our brethren in every city where we
have preached the word of the Lord,

27

We have therefore sent Judas and and see how they are doing."

Silas, who will also report the same

things by word of mouth. 37Now Barnabas was determined to take

with them John called Mark.

2' For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit,

and to us, to lay upon you no greater 38But Paul insisted that they
should not

burden than these necessary things: take with them the one who had

departed from them in Pamphylia, and

2' that you abstain from things offered to had not gone with them to

the work. idols, from blood, from things strangled,

and from sexual immorality. If you keep 3' Then the contention became so sharp

yourselves from these, you will do well. that they parted from one another. And

Farewell. so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to

30So Cyprus;

when they were sent off, they came

to Antioch; and when they had gathered 4 0but Paul chose Silas and departed, the multitude together, they delivered being commended by the brethren to

the letter. the grace of God.

3 4 1 When they had read it, they rejoiced 1And he went through Syria and Cilicia, over its encouragement. strengthening the churches.

32Now Judas and Silas, themselves

being prophets also, exhorted and 1 6Then he came to Derbe and strengthened the brethren with many

words. Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple

was there, named Timothy, the son of a
certain Jewish woman who believed, but
his father was Greek.

2 12

He was well spoken of by the brethren and from there to Philippi, which is the

who were at Lystra and Iconium. foremost city of that part of Macedonia,

a colony. And we were staying in that

3Paul wanted to have him go on with city for some days. him. And he took him and circumcised

1 3

him because of the Jews who were in And on the Sabbath day we went out

that region, for they all knew that his of the city to the riverside, where prayer

father was Greek. was customarily made; and we sat down

and spoke to the women who met there.

4And as they went through the cities,

they delivered to them the decrees to 1 4Now a certain woman named Lydia keep, which were determined by the heard us. She was a seller of purple

apostles and elders at Jerusalem. from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped

God. The Lord opened her heart to heed

5 the things spoken by Paul. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

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And when she and her household

6 were baptized, she begged us, saying, Now when they had gone through

Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they "If you have judged me to be faithful to

were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to the Lord, come to my house and stay."

preach the word in Asia. So she persuaded us.

7 ¹ Now it happened, as we went to

After they had come to Mysia, they tried

to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit, that a certain slave girl

permit them. possessed with a spirit of divination met

us, who brought her masters much profit

⁸ by fortune-telling. So passing by Mysia, they came down

to Troas. ¹ ⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and

'And a vision appeared to Paul in the night, and he cried out, saying, "These men are the

servants of the Most High God, who

pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to proclaim to us the way of salvation."

Macedonia and help us." ¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But

¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision,

Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said

immediately we sought to go to the spirit, "I command you in the

Macedonia, concluding that the Lord name of Jesus Christ to come out of

had called us to preach the gospel to her." And he came out that very hour.

them.

1 ' But when her masters saw that their

11 Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a

hope of profit was gone, they seized

straight course to Samothrace, and the Paul and Silas and dragged them into

next day came to Neapolis, the marketplace to the authorities.

22 0 And they brought them to the

' Then he called for a light, ran in, and

magistrates, and said, "These men, fell down trembling before Paul and

being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; Silas.

21 30

and they teach customs which are not And he brought them out and said,

lawful for us, being Romans, to receive "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" or observe."

31

So they said, "Believe on the Lord

22

Then the multitude rose up together Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you

against them; and the magistrates tore and your household." off their clothes and commanded them

to be beaten with rods. 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord

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3 And when they had laid many stripes to him and to all who were in his house.

on them, they threw them into prison, 33 And he took them the same

hour of

commanding the jailer to keep them the night and washed their stripes. And

securely. immediately he and all his family were

baptized.

24

Having received such a charge, he put

them into the inner prison and fastened 34Now when he had brought them into

their feet in the stocks. his house, he set food before them; and

he rejoiced, having believed in God with

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were all his household. praying and singing hymns to God, and

the prisoners were listening to them. 35And when it was day, the magistrates

sent the officers, saying, "Let those men

26Suddenly there was a great

go."

earthquake, so that the foundations of

the 3 prison were shaken; and 6So the keeper of the prison reported immediately all the doors were opened these words to Paul, saying, "The

and everyone's chains were loosed. magistrates have sent to let you go.

2

7And the keeper of the prison, awaking Now therefore depart, and go in peace."

from sleep and seeing the prison doors 37But Paul said to them, "They have

open, supposing the prisoners had fled, beaten us openly, uncondemned drew his sword and was about to kill Romans, and have thrown us into prison.

himself. And now do they put us out secretly? No

indeed! Let them come themselves and

2 ' But Paul called with a loud voice, get us out." saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are

all here." 38And the officers told these words to

the magistrates, and they were afraid

when they heard that they were Romans.

3 7 Then they came and pleaded with

Jason has harbored them, and these

them and brought them out, and asked are all acting contrary to the decrees of

them to depart from the city. Caesar, saying there is another king--

Jesus."

40

So they went out of the prison and

entered the house of Lydia; and when 8And they troubled the crowd and the they had seen the brethren, they rulers of the city when they heard these

encouraged them and departed. things.

'So when they had taken security from

1 Jason and the rest, they let them go. 7Now when they had passed

through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they

came to Thessalonica, where there was Then the brethren immediately
sent ¹ 0

a synagogue of the Jews. Paul and Silas away by night to Berea.

When they arrived, they went into the

² synagogue of the Jews.

Then Paul, as his custom was, went in

to them, and for three Sabbaths ¹ 1 These were more fair-minded than
reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

those in Thessalonica, in that they

3 explaining and demonstrating that the received the word with all
readiness,

and searched the Scriptures daily to find

Christ had to suffer and rise again from

out whether these things were so.

the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom

I preach to you is the Christ." ¹ 2 Therefore many of them believed, and

⁴ also not a few of the Greeks, prominent And some of them were
persuaded;

women as well as men.

and a great multitude of the devout

Greeks, and not a few of the leading ¹ 3 But when the Jews from
Thessalonica women, joined Paul and Silas.

learned that the word of God was

⁵ preached by Paul at Berea, they came

But the Jews who were not persuaded,

there also and stirred up the crowds.

becoming envious, took some of the evil

men from the marketplace, and ¹ 4 Then immediately the brethren sent gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, Paul away, to go to the sea; but both

and sought to bring them out to the Silas and Timothy remained there. people.

¹ 5

So those who conducted Paul brought

⁶ him to Athens; and receiving a But when they did not find them, they

dragged Jason and some brethren to command for Silas and Timothy to come

the rulers of the city, crying out, "These to him with all speed, they departed. who have turned the world upside down

have come here too. ¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at

Athens, his spirit was provoked within

² 4

him when he saw that the city was given God, who made the world and

over to idols. everything in it, since He is Lord of

heaven and earth, does not dwell in

¹⁷ Therefore he reasoned in the

temples made with hands.

synagogue with the Jews and with the

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Gentile worshipers, and in the Nor is He worshiped with men's hands,
marketplace daily with those who as though He needed anything,
since

happened to be there. He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

¹ ² ⁸ Then certain Epicurean and Stoic ⁶ And He has made from one
blood philosophers encountered him. And every nation of men to
dwell on all the

some said, "What does this babblers face of the earth, and has
determined

want to say?" Others said, "He seems to their preappointed times and
the

be a proclaimer of foreign gods," boundaries of their dwellings,
because he preached to them Jesus

and the resurrection. ²⁷

so that they should seek the Lord, in

the hope that they might grope for Him

¹ ' And they took him and brought him to and find Him, though He is
not far from

the Areopagus, saying, "May we know each one of us; what this new
doctrine is of which you

speak? ² ⁸ or in Him we live and move and have

² poets have said, "For we are also His

0 For you are bringing some strange our being, as also some of your
own

things to our ears. Therefore we want to offspring.' know what these
things mean."

² ' Therefore, since we are the offspring

21 For all the Athenians and the

of God, we ought not to think that the

foreigners who were there spent their Divine Nature is like gold or silver or

time in nothing else but either to tell or stone, something shaped by art and

to hear some new thing. man's devising.

22 30 Then Paul stood in the midst of the

Truly, these times of ignorance God

Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I overlooked, but now commands all men

perceive that in all things you are very everywhere to repent, religious;

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2 which He will judge the world in

3 or as I was passing through and because He has appointed a day on considering the objects of your worship, righteousness by the Man whom He has

I even found an altar with this ordained. He has given assurance of

inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Therefore, the One whom you worship

without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 32 And when they heard of the

resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you whose house was next door to the

again on this matter." synagogue.

So Paul departed from among them. Then Crispus, the ruler of the
synagogue, believed on the Lord with all

34However, some men joined him and his household. And many of
the

believed, among them Dionysius the Corinthians, hearing, believed
and were

Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, baptized. and others with them.

'Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night

by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak,

1 and do not keep silent; 8After these things Paul departed

from Athens and went to Corinth. ¹ 0 or I am with you, and no one
will ² attack you to hurt you; for I have many

And he found a certain Jew named people in this city."

Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently

come from Italy with his wife Priscilla ¹ 1

(because Claudius had commanded all And he continued there a year
and six

months, teaching the word of God

the Jews to depart from Rome); and he

among them.

came to them.

3 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia,

So, because he was of the same trade,

the Jews with one accord rose up
he stayed with them and worked; for by
against Paul and brought him to the
occupation they were tentmakers.

judgment seat,

4And he reasoned in the synagogue 3saying, "This fellow persuades
men to

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every Sabbath, and persuaded both
worship God contrary to the law."
Jews and Greeks.

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5 And when Paul was about to open his
When Silas and Timothy had come
mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it
from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by
were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked
the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that
crimes, O Jews, there would be reason
Jesus is the Christ.

why I should bear with you.

6But when they opposed him and 5But if it is a question of words and

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blasphemed, he shook his garments

names and your own law, look to it
and said to them, "Your blood be upon
yourselves; for I do not want to be a
your own heads; I am clean. From now
judge of such matters."
on I will go to the Gentiles."

¹⁶And he drove them from the judgment
⁷And he departed from there and
seat.

entered the house of a certain man
named Justus, one who worshiped God, ^{1 2 7 6}So he began to speak
boldly in the

Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes,
the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him synagogue. When Aquila and
Priscilla

before the judgment seat. But Gallio heard him, they took him aside
and
took no notice of these things. explained to him the way of God more
accurately.

^{1'} So Paul still remained a good while.

^{2 7}

Then he took leave of the brethren and And when he desired to cross
to

sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila Achaia, the brethren wrote,
exhorting

were with him. He had his hair cut off at the disciples to receive him;
and when

Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. he arrived, he greatly helped those
who

had believed through grace;

1 ' And he came to Ephesus, and left

them there; but he himself entered the 2 8 or he vigorously refuted the
Jews synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. publicly, showing from
the Scriptures

that Jesus is the Christ.

20 When they asked him to stay a longer

time with them, he did not consent,

1 9 And it happened, while Apollos

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but took leave of them, saying, "I must was at Corinth, that Paul,
having passed

by all means keep this coming feast in through the upper regions,
came to Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, Ephesus. And
finding some disciples God willing." And he sailed from

Ephesus. 2

he said to them, "Did you receive the

2 Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they 2 And when he had landed
at Caesarea, said to him, "We have not so much as

and gone up and greeted the church, he heard whether there is a Holy
Spirit." went down to Antioch.

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2 And he said to them, "Into what then 3 After he had spent some time
there,

were you baptized?" So they said, "Into

he departed and went over the region of John's baptism." Galatia and Phrygia in order,

strengthening all the disciples. 4

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized

2 with a baptism of repentance, saying to 4 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, the people that they should believe on

born at Alexandria, an eloquent man Him who would come after him, that is,

and mighty in the Scriptures, came to on Christ Jesus." Ephesus.

2 baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

5This man had been instructed in the 5When they heard this, they were

way of the Lord; and being fervent in

spirit, he spoke and taught accurately 6And when Paul had laid hands on them,

the things of the Lord, though he knew the Holy Spirit came upon them, and

only the baptism of John. they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

7Now the men were about twelve in all. and prevailed against them, so that they

fled out of that house naked and

8 wounded. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months,

reasoning and persuading concerning This became known both to all

Jews

the things of the kingdom of God. and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus;
and

fear fell on them all, and the name of the

'But when some were hardened and did Lord Jesus was magnified.

not believe, but spoke evil of the Way 8And many who had believed
came

before the multitude, he departed from 1

them and withdrew the disciples, confessing and telling their deeds.
reasoning daily in the school of

Tyrannus. 1 ' Also, many of those who had practiced

1 burned them in the sight of all. And they

0And this continued for two years, so magic brought their books
together and

that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word counted up the value of
them, and it

of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and totaled fifty thousand pieces of
silver.

Greeks.

2 0So the word of the Lord grew mightily

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Now God worked unusual miracles by and prevailed.

the hands of Paul,

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When these things were accomplished,

12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons Paul purposed in the Spirit,
when he

were brought from his body to the sick, had passed through
Macedonia and

and the diseases left them and the evil Achaia, to go to Jerusalem,
saying,

spirits went out of them. "After I have been there, I must also see

Rome."

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Then some of the itinerant Jewish

2 2

exorcists took it upon themselves to call So he sent into Macedonia
two of

the name of the Lord Jesus over those those who ministered to him,
Timothy

who had evil spirits, saying, "We and Erastus, but he himself stayed in
exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul Asia for a time. preaches."

23And about that time there arose a

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Also there were seven sons of Sceva, great commotion about the
Way.

a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

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For a certain man named Demetrius, a

15And the evil spirit answered and said,

silversmith, who made silver shrines of

"Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who Diana, brought no small

profit to the

are you?" craftsmen.

12 6Then the man in whom the evil spirit 5He called them together with the was leaped on them, overpowered them, workers of similar occupation, and said:

"Men, you know that we have our And Alexander motioned with his hand,

prosperity by this trade. and wanted to make his defense to the

people.

26Moreover you see and hear that not

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only at Ephesus, but throughout almost But when they found out that he was a

all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and Jew, all with one voice cried out for

turned away many people, saying that about two hours, "Great is Diana of the

they are not gods which are made with Ephesians!" hands.

2 So not only is this trade of ours in the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus,

7 35And when the city clerk had quieted

danger of falling into disrepute, but also what man is there who does not know

the temple of the great goddess Diana that the city of the Ephesians is temple

may be despised and her magnificence guardian of the great goddess Diana,

destroyed, whom all Asia and the world and of the image which fell down from

worship." Zeus?

23 ' Now when they heard this, they were 6Therefore, since these things cannot full of wrath and cried out, saying, be denied, you ought to be quiet and do

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" nothing rashly.

2' So the whole city was filled with 37For you have brought these men here

confusion, and rushed into the theater who are neither robbers of temples nor

with one accord, having seized Gaius blasphemers of your goddess. and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's

travel companions. 38Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow

30And when Paul wanted to go in to the craftsmen have a case against anyone,

the courts are open and there are

people, the disciples would not allow proconsuls. Let them bring charges

him. against one another.

31 3' But if you have any other inquiry to

Then some of the officials of Asia, who

were his friends, sent to him pleading make, it shall be determined in the

that he would not venture into the lawful assembly. theater.

4 0For we are in danger of being called in

32 question for today's uproar, there being Some therefore cried one thing and

some another, for the assembly was no reason which we may give to confused, and most of them did not account for this disorderly gathering."

know why they had come together.

4 1And when he had said these things, he

33And they drew Alexander out of the dismissed the assembly. multitude, the Jews putting him forward.

he fell down from the third story and was

2 taken up dead. OAfter the uproar had ceased, Paul

called the disciples to himself, embraced 10But Paul went down, fell on him, and them, and departed to go to Macedonia.

embracing him said, "Do not trouble

2 yourselves, for his life is in him."

Now when he had gone over that

region and encouraged them with many 1 1Now when he had come up, had words, he came to Greece

broken bread and eaten, and talked a

hand stayed three months. And when long while, even till daybreak, he departed. the Jews plotted against him as he was

about to sail to Syria, he decided to ¹ ²And they brought the young man in return through Macedonia.

alive, and they were not a little

⁴ comforted. And Sopater of Berea accompanied

him to Asia--also Aristarchus and ¹ ³Then we went ahead to the ship and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and sailed to Assos, there intending to take

Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. Paul on board; for so he had given

orders, intending himself to go on foot.

⁵These men, going ahead, waited for us ⁴

at Troas. ¹ And when he met us at Assos, we took

him on board and came to Mitylene.

⁶But we sailed away from Philippi after ⁵We sailed from there, and the next day

the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in ¹

five days joined them at Troas, where came opposite Chios. The following day

we stayed seven days. we arrived at Samos and stayed at

Trogyllium. The next day we came to

⁷ Miletus. Now on the first day of the week, when

the disciples came together to break ¹ ⁶For Paul had decided to sail past bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his Ephesus, so that he would not have to

message until midnight. spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying

to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the

8 Day of Pentecost. There were many lamps in the upper

room where they were gathered 1 7From Miletus he sent to Ephesus
and together.

called for the elders of the church.

man named Eutychus, who was sinking And in a window sat a certain
young 1 8And when they had come to him, he into a deep sleep. He
was overcome by said to them: "You know, from the first

sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, day that I came to Asia, in
what manner

I always lived among you,

19serving the Lord with all humility, with

shepherd the church of God which He

many tears and trials which happened to purchased with His own
blood. me by the plotting of the Jews;

2 ' For I know this, that after my departure

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how I kept back nothing that was savage wolves will come in
among you,

helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and not sparing the flock. taught
you publicly and from house to

house, 30

Also from among yourselves men will

2 draw away the disciples after

1 estifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, rise up, speaking perverse

things, to

repentance toward God and faith toward themselves. our Lord Jesus Christ.

31 Therefore watch, and remember that

22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit

for three years I did not cease to warn

to Jerusalem, not knowing the things everyone night and day with tears. that will happen to me there,

32 'So now, brethren, I commend you to

23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in God and to the word of His grace, which

every city, saying that chains and is able to build you up and give you an

tribulations await me. inheritance among all those who are

sanctified.

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But none of these things move me; nor

do I count my life dear to myself, so that 33 have coveted no one's silver or gold

I may finish my race with joy, and the or apparel. ministry which I received from the Lord

Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the 34 es, you yourselves know that these

grace of God. hands have provided for my necessities,

and for those who were with me.

2 5 And indeed, now I know that you all,

among whom I have gone preaching the 35 have shown you in every way, by kingdom of God, will see my face no laboring like this, that

you must support

more. the weak. And remember the words of

the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more

2 blessed to give than to receive." 6Therefore I testify to you this day
that I

am innocent of the blood of all men. 36And when he had said these
things, he

27 knelt down and prayed with them all.

For I have not shunned to declare to

you the whole counsel of God. 7Then they all wept freely, and fell on

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28Therefore take heed to yourselves and Paul's neck and kissed him,
to all the flock, among which the Holy

Spirit has made you overseers, to 38sorrowing most of all for the
words

which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they
accompanied 9Now this man had four virgin daughters him to the
ship. who prophesied.

10And as we stayed many days, a

2 1 certain prophet named Agabus came Now it came to pass, that
when

down from Judea.

we had departed from them and set sail,

running a straight course we came to 1 1When he had come to us, he

took Cos, the following day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara.
Paul's belt, bound his own hands and

feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit,

² "So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the And finding a ship sailing
over to

man who owns this belt, and deliver him

Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

into the hands of the Gentiles."

³When we had sighted Cyprus, we ¹ ²Now when we heard these
things, both passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and we and those
from that place pleaded landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to with
him not to go up to Jerusalem. unload her cargo.

¹³Then Paul answered, "What do you

⁴And finding disciples, we stayed there

seven days. They told Paul through the mean by weeping and
breaking my

Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. heart? For I am ready not only to be

bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for

⁵ the name of the Lord Jesus."

When we had come to the end of those

days, we departed and went on our way; ¹ ⁴So when he would not be
persuaded, and they all accompanied us, with wives we ceased,
saying, "The will of the Lord and children, till we were out of the city.
be done." And we knelt down on the shore and

prayed. ¹ 5 And after those days we packed and

⁶ went up to Jerusalem. When we had taken our leave of one

another, ¹ we boarded the ship, and they ⁶ Also some of the disciples
from

returned home. ¹

Caesarea went with us and brought with

⁷ them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an And when we had finished our
voyage

from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, early disciple, with whom we were
to

greeted the brethren, and stayed with lodge. them one day.

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And when we had come to Jerusalem,

⁸ the brethren received us gladly. On the next day we who were Paul's
companions departed and came to

Caesarea, and entered the house of On the following day Paul went in
with ¹⁸

Philip the evangelist, who was one of us to James, and all the elders
were

the seven, and stayed with him. present.

¹⁹ When he had greeted them, he told in

expiration of the days of purification, at

detail those things which God had done which time an offering should
be made

among the Gentiles through his ministry. for each one of them.

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And when they heard it, they glorified Now when the seven days

were

the Lord. And they said to him, "You see, almost ended, the Jews from Asia,

brother, how many myriads of Jews seeing him in the temple, stirred up the

there are who have believed, and they whole crowd and laid hands on him, are all zealous for the law;

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crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is

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but they have been informed about the man who teaches all men you that you teach all the Jews who are everywhere against the people, the law,

among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, and this place; and furthermore he also

saying that they ought not to circumcise brought Greeks into the temple and has

their children nor to walk according to defiled this holy place." the customs.

2 '(For they had previously seen

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What then? The assembly must Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the

certainly meet, for they will hear that you city, whom they supposed that Paul had

have come. brought into the temple.)

23Therefore do what we tell you: We 30And all the city was disturbed; and the

have four men who have taken a vow. people ran together, seized Paul, and

dragged him out of the temple; and

24 immediately the doors were shut.

Take them and be purified with them,

and pay their expenses so that they may 31Now as they were seeking to kill him,

shave their heads, and that all may

know that those things of which they news came to the commander of the

were informed concerning you are garrison that all Jerusalem was in an

nothing, but that you yourself also walk uproar. orderly and keep the law.

32He immediately took soldiers and

25But concerning the Gentiles who

centurions, and ran down to them. And

believe, we have written and decided when they saw the commander and the

that they should observe no such thing, soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. except that they should keep

themselves from things offered to idols, 33Then the commander came near and from blood, from things strangled, and took him, and commanded him to be

from sexual immorality." bound with two chains; and he asked

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6Then Paul took the men, and the next who he was and what he had done.

day, having been purified with them, 34And some among the multitude cried

entered the temple to announce the one thing and some another. So when he could not ascertain the truth because feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the

of the tumult, he commanded him to be strictness of our fathers' law, and was

taken into the barracks. zealous toward God as you all are today.

3 4 5

When he reached the stairs, he had to 1 persecuted this Way to the death,

be carried by the soldiers because of binding and delivering into prisons both

the violence of the mob. men and women,

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For the multitude of the people as also the high priest bears me followed after, crying out, "Away with witness, and all the council of the elders, him!" from whom I also received letters to the

brethren, and went to Damascus to

37 bring in chains even those who were

Then as Paul was about to be led into the barracks, he said to the commander, there to Jerusalem to be punished. "May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can

you speak Greek? 6 Now it happened, as I journeyed and

came near Damascus at about noon,

38Are you not the Egyptian who some suddenly a great light from heaven

time ago stirred up a rebellion and led shone around me. the four
thousand assassins out into the

wilderness?" 7And I fell to the ground and heard a

voice saying to me, "Saul, Saul, why are

39 you persecuting Me?' But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in
Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I

implore you, permit me to speak to the 8So I answered, "Who are You,
Lord?' people." And He said to me, "I am Jesus of

Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

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So when he had given him permission,

Paul stood on the stairs and motioned '"And those who were with me
indeed

with his hand to the people. And when saw the light and were afraid,
but they

there was a great silence, he spoke to did not hear the voice of Him
who spoke

them in the Hebrew language, saying, to me.

1 0So I said, "What shall I do, Lord?' And

22 Brethren and fathers, hear my the Lord said to me, "Arise and
go into

Damascus, and there you will be told all

defense before you now."

things which are appointed for you to

2 do.'

And when they heard that he spoke to

them in the Hebrew language, they kept 11 And since I could not see
for the glory all the more silent. Then he said: of that light, being led
by the hand of

3 those who were with me, I came into "I am indeed a Jew, born in
Tarsus of Damascus. Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the 1 2 2§2

"Then a certain Ananias, a devout man And they listened to him
until this word,

according to the law, having a good and then they raised their voices
and

testimony with all the Jews who dwelt said, "Away with such a fellow
from the

there, earth, for he is not fit to live!"

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came to me; and he stood and said to Then, as they cried out and
tore off

me, "Brother Saul, receive your sight.' their clothes and threw dust
into the air,

And at that same hour I looked up at

him. 2 4the commander ordered him to be

1 he should be examined under scourging,

4Then he said, "The God of our fathers brought into the barracks, and
said that

has chosen you that you should know so that he might know why they
shouted

His will, and see the Just One, and hear so against him. the voice of

His mouth.

25And as they bound him with thongs,

15For you will be His witness to all men

Paul said to the centurion who stood by,

of what you have seen and heard. "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man

who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

16And now why are you waiting? Arise

and be baptized, and wash away your 2 6When the centurion heard that, he sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' went and told the commander, saying,

"Take care what you do, for this man is

17 Now it happened, when I returned to

a Roman."

Jerusalem and was praying in the

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temple, that I was in a trance Then the commander came and said

to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He

1 said, "Yes." ' and saw Him saying to me, "Make

haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, 8The commander answered, "With a

for they will not receive your testimony 2

concerning Me.' large sum I obtained this citizenship."

And Paul said, "But I was born a

1' So I said, "Lord, they know that in citizen." every synagogue I imprisoned and beat

those who believe on You. ² Then immediately those who were

about to examine him withdrew from

²⁰ And when the blood of Your martyr

him; and the commander was also

Stephen was shed, I also was standing afraid after he found out that he was a

by consenting to his death, and Roman, and because he had bound him.

guarding the clothes of those who were ⁰ The next day, because he wanted to

killing him.' ³

know for certain why he was accused by

²¹ the Jews, he released him from his

Then He said to me, "Depart, for I will

send you far from here to the Gentiles." bonds, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, ⁸ For Sadducees say that there is no and brought Paul down and set him resurrection--and no angel or spirit; but

before them. the Pharisees confess both.

"Then there arose a loud outcry. And the

² scribes of the Pharisees' party arose ³ Then Paul, looking earnestly at

the council, said, "Men and brethren, I and protested, saying, "We find no evil

in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has

have lived in all good conscience before

spoken to him, let us not fight against

God until this day."

God."

2And the high priest Ananias 0Now when there arose a great 1
commanded those who stood by him to

dissension, the commander, fearing lest
strike him on the mouth.

Paul might be pulled to pieces by them,
3Then Paul said to him, "God will strike commanded the soldiers to go
down

and take him by force from among them,
you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit and bring him into the
barracks. to judge me according to the law, and

do you command me to be struck 11But the following night the Lord
stood contrary to the law?" by him and said, "Be of good cheer, 4 Paul;
for as you have testified for Me in

And those who stood by said, "Do you Jerusalem, so you must also
bear

revile God's high priest?"

witness at Rome."

5Then Paul said, "I did not know, 2

1 And when it was day, some of the
brethren, that he was the high priest; for Jews banded together and
bound

it is written, "You shall not speak evil of

themselves under an oath, saying that
a ruler of your people."

they would neither eat nor drink till they
6 had killed Paul.

But when Paul perceived that one part

were Sadducees and the other 13Now there were more than forty who
Pharisees, he cried out in the council,

had formed this conspiracy.

"Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the

son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope 14They came to the chief
priests and and resurrection of the dead I am being elders, and said,
"We have bound judged!" ourselves under a great oath that we will 7
eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

And when he had said this, a

dissension arose between the Pharisees 1 5Now you, therefore,
together with the and the Sadducees; and the assembly council,
suggest to the commander that was divided.

he be brought down to you tomorrow, as
though you were going to make further inquiries concerning him; but
we are spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third
ready to kill him before he comes near." hour of the night;

1 2 64

So when Paul's sister's son heard of and provide mounts to set Paul
on,
their ambush, he went and entered the and bring him safely to Felix

the

barracks and told Paul. governor."

1 2 75

Then Paul called one of the centurions He wrote a letter in the following

to him and said, "Take this young man manner: to the commander, for he has something

to tell him." 2 6Claudius Lysias, To the most excellent

governor Felix: Greetings.

18

So he took him and brought him to the

commander and said, "Paul the prisoner 2 7This man was seized by the Jews and called me to him and asked me to bring was about to be killed by them. Coming

this young man to you. He has with the troops I rescued him, having something to say to you." learned that he was a Roman.

1 2 9Then the commander took him by the 8And when I wanted to know the reason hand, went aside, and asked privately, they accused him, I brought him before

"What is it that you have to tell me?" their council.

2 2 0 And he said, "The Jews have agreed ' I found out that he was accused to ask that you bring Paul down to the concerning questions of their law, but

council tomorrow, as though they were had nothing charged against him

going to inquire more fully about him. deserving of death or chains.

21 0And when it was told me that the Jews

But do not yield to them, for more than 3

forty of them lie in wait for him, men who lay in wait for the man, I sent him

have bound themselves by an oath that immediately to you, and also they will neither eat nor drink till they commanded his accusers to state

have killed him; and now they are ready, before you the charges against him.

waiting for the promise from you." Farewell.

23 2 So the commander let the young man 1Then the soldiers, as they were depart, and commanded him, "Tell no commanded, took Paul and brought him

one that you have revealed these things by night to Antipatris. to me."

3 2The next day they left the horsemen to

23And he called for two centurions,

go on with him, and returned to the

saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, barracks. seventy horsemen, and two hundred 33When they came to Caesarea and had 7But the commander Lysias came by delivered the letter to the governor, they and with great violence took him out of

also presented Paul to him. our hands,

34 8

And when the governor had read it, he commanding his accusers to come to

asked what province he was from. And you. By examining him yourself you may

when he understood that he was from ascertain all these things of which we

Cilicia, accuse him."

35he said, "I will hear you when your 'And the Jews also assented, accusers also have come." And he maintaining that these things were so.

commanded him to be kept in Herod's

Praetorium. 1 0Then Paul, after the governor had

nodded to him to speak, answered:

"Inasmuch as I know that you have been

24Now after five days Ananias the for many years a judge of this nation, I

high priest came down with the elders do the more cheerfully answer for

myself,

and a certain orator named Tertullus.

These gave evidence to the governor 1because you may ascertain that it is

against Paul. 1

no more than twelve days since I went

2 up to Jerusalem to worship.

And when he was called upon,

Tertullus began his accusation, saying: 1 2And they neither found me in the "Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought temple disputing with anyone nor

to this nation by your foresight, inciting the crowd, either in the
synagogues or in the city.

Owe accept it always and in all places, ¹ 3Nor can they prove the
things of which most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

they now accuse me.

⁴Nevertheless, not to be tedious to you ⁴But this I confess to you, that

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any further, I beg you to hear, by your

courtesy, a few words from us. according to the Way which they call a

sect, so I worship the God of my fathers,

⁵ believing all things which are written in

For we have found this man a plague, a

the Law and in the Prophets.

creator of dissension among all the

Jews throughout the world, and a ¹ 5s have hope in God, which they
ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

themselves also accept, that there will

⁶ be a resurrection of the dead, both of

He even tried to profane the temple,

the just and the unjust.

and we seized him, and wanted to judge

him according to our law.

1 2 6 This being so, I myself always strive to 5 Now as he reasoned
about have a conscience without offense righteousness, self-control,
and the

toward God and men. judgment to come, Felix was afraid and

answered, "Go away for now; when I

1 7 Now after many years I came to bring have a convenient time I
will call for

alms and offerings to my nation, you."

1 2 6 Meanwhile he also hoped that money

' in the midst of which some Jews from

Asia found me purified in the temple, would be given him by Paul,
that he

neither with a mob nor with tumult. might release him. Therefore he
sent for

him more often and conversed with him.

1' They ought to have been here before

you to object if they had anything But after two years Porcius Festus 2
7

against me. succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to

do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

20

Or else let those who are here

themselves say if they found any

wrongdoing in me while I stood before 25 Now when Festus had
come to

the council, the province, after three days he went

21

unless it is for this one statement

which I cried out, standing among them, 2 Then the high priest and the chief men "Concerning the resurrection of the dead of the Jews informed him against Paul;

I am being judged by you this day." and they petitioned him,

22 b But when Felix heard these things, asking a favor against him, that he

having more accurate knowledge of the would summon him to Jerusalem--while

Way, he adjourned the proceedings and they lay in ambush along the road to kill

said, "When Lysias the commander him. comes down, I will make a decision on

your case." 4 But Festus answered that Paul should 2 be kept at Caesarea, and that he

3 So he commanded the centurion to himself was going there shortly.

keep Paul and to let him have liberty,

and told him not to forbid any of his 5 Therefore," he said, "let those who friends to provide for or visit him. have authority among you go down with

2 me and accuse this man, to see if there

4And after some days, when Felix came is any fault in him."

with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish,

he sent for Paul and heard him 6And when he had remained among

concerning the faith in Christ. them more than ten days, he went down

to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he
commanded saying: "There is a certain man left a

Paul to be brought. prisoner by Felix,

7 15

When he had come, the Jews who had about whom the chief priests
and the

come down from Jerusalem stood about elders of the Jews informed
me, when I

and laid many serious complaints was in Jerusalem, asking for a
judgment

against Paul, which they could not prove, against him.

8 1 6

while he answered for himself, "Neither To them I answered, "It is not
the

against the law of the Jews, nor against custom of the Romans to
deliver any

the temple, nor against Caesar have I man to destruction before the
accused

offended in anything at all." meets the accusers face to face, and

has opportunity to answer for himself

'But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a concerning the charge against
him.' favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you

willing to go up to Jerusalem and there 1 7Therefore when they had
come be judged before me concerning these together, without any
delay, the next day

things?" I sat on the judgment seat and

commanded the man to be brought in.

10So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's

judgment seat, where I ought to be 18When the accusers stood up, they

judged. To the Jews I have done no brought no accusation against him of

wrong, as you very well know. such things as I supposed,

11 1

For if I am an offender, or have ' but had some questions against him

committed anything deserving of death, about their own religion and about a

I do not object to dying; but if there is certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul

nothing in these things of which these affirmed to be alive. men accuse me, no one can deliver me

to them. I appeal to Caesar." 2 0And because I was uncertain of such

questions, I asked whether he was

12 Then Festus, when he had conferred willing to go to Jerusalem and there be

with the council, answered, "You have judged concerning these matters. appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you

shall go!" 21But when Paul appealed to be

reserved for the decision of Augustus, I

13

And after some days King Agrippa and commanded him to be kept till I could

Bernice came to Caesarea to greet send him to Caesar." Festus.

2 2

Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also

14When they had been there many days,

would like to hear the man myself."

Festus laid Paul's case before the king, "Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear

him."

23 So the next day, when Agrippa and

do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to

Bernice had come with great pomp, and hear me patiently. had entered the auditorium with the

commanders and the prominent men of 4 My manner of life from my youth, the city, at Festus' command Paul was which was spent from the beginning

brought in. among my own nation at Jerusalem, all

2

4 And Festus said: "King Agrippa and all the Jews know.

the men who are here present with us, 5 They knew me from the first, if they you see this man about whom the whole were willing to testify, that according to

assembly of the Jews petitioned me, the strictest sect of our religion I lived a

both at Jerusalem and here, crying out Pharisee. that he was not fit to live any longer.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the

25 But when I found that he had hope of the promise made by God to our

committed nothing deserving of death, fathers. and that he himself had appealed to

Augustus, I decided to send him. 7

To this promise our twelve tribes,

2 earnestly serving God night and day, 6a have nothing certain to write to my

hope to attain. For this hope's sake,

lord concerning him. Therefore I have King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

brought him out before you, and

especially before you, King Agrippa, so

Why should it be thought incredible by

that after the examination has taken you that God raises the dead? place I may have something to write.

2 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do 7 For it seems to me unreasonable to many things contrary to the name of send a prisoner and not to specify the Jesus of Nazareth. charges against him."

10 This I also did in Jerusalem, and many

of the saints I shut up in prison, having

26 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You received authority from the chief priests;

are permitted to speak for yourself." So and when they were put to death, I cast

Paul stretched out his hand and my vote against them. answered for himself:

1 1

And I punished them often in every

2 I think myself happy, King Agrippa, synagogue and compelled them to

because today I shall answer for myself blaspheme; and being exceedingly

before you concerning all the things of enraged against them, I persecuted

which I am accused by the Jews, them even to foreign cities.

especially because you are expert in all
customs and questions which have to

12§§

While thus occupied, as I journeyed to throughout all the region of
Judea, and

Damascus with authority and then to the Gentiles, that they should
commission from the chief priests, repent, turn to God, and do works

befitting repentance.

h at midday, O king, along the road I

2 1

saw a light from heaven, brighter than For these reasons the Jews
seized me

the sun, shining around me and those in the temple and tried to kill
me. who journeyed with me.

2 2Therefore, having obtained help from

14And when we all had fallen to the

God, to this day I stand, witnessing both

ground, I heard a voice speaking to me to small and great, saying no
other

and saying in the Hebrew language, things than those which the
prophets

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting and Moses said would come--Me?
It is hard for you to kick against the

goads.' 23that the Christ would suffer, that He

would be the first to rise from the dead,

15 So I said, "Who are You, Lord?" And and would proclaim light to the
Jewish

He said, "I am Jesus, whom you are people and to the Gentiles." persecuting.

2 4

Now as he thus made his defense,

16But rise and stand on your feet; for I

Festus said with a loud voice, "Paul, you

have appeared to you for this purpose, are beside yourself! Much learning is

to make you a minister and a witness driving you mad!" both of the things which you have seen

and of the things which I will yet reveal 2 5

But he said, "I am not mad, most noble

to you. Festus, but speak the words of truth and

reason.

17a will deliver you from the Jewish

people, as well as from the Gentiles, to 2 6For the king, before whom I also speak whom I now send you, freely, knows these things; for I am

convinced that none of these things

1' to open their eyes, in order to turn escapes his attention, since this thing

them from darkness to light, and from was not done in a corner. the power of Satan to God, that they

may receive forgiveness of sins and an 27

King Agrippa, do you believe the

inheritance among those who are prophets? I know that you do believe."

sanctified by faith in Me.'

2' Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You

1" Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not almost persuade me to become a
disobedient to the heavenly vision, Christian."

2 0 but declared first to those in ' And Paul said, "I would to God that
not Damascus and in Jerusalem, and only you, but also all who hear
me today, might become both almost and OThere the centurion found
an altogether such as I am, except for Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy,
and he

these chains." put us on board.

3 7 0

When he had said these things, the When we had sailed slowly
many days,

king stood up, as well as the governor and arrived with difficulty off
Cnidus, the

and Bernice and those who sat with wind not permitting us to
proceed, we

them; sailed under the shelter of Crete off

Salmone.

31

and when they had gone aside, they

talked among themselves, saying, "This sPassing it with difficulty, we
came to a man is doing nothing deserving of death place called Fair
Havens, near the city

or chains." of Lasea.

32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This 'Now when much time had been
spent,

man might have been set free if he had and sailing was now
dangerous not appealed to Caesar." because the Fast was already over,

Paul advised them,

saying, "Men, I perceive that this

And when it was decided that we

voyage will end with disaster and much
should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul

loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but
and some other prisoners to one named

also our lives."

Julius, a centurion of the Augustan

Regiment. ¹ Nevertheless the centurion was more ² persuaded by the
helmsman and the

So, entering a ship of Adramyttium, we

owner of the ship than by the things
put to sea, meaning to sail along the

spoken by Paul.

coasts of Asia. Aristarchus, a

Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with ¹ ² And because the harbor was
not us.

suitable to winter in, the majority

³ And the next day we landed at Sidon. advised to set sail from there
also, if by

any means they could reach Phoenix, a

And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave

harbor of Crete opening toward the
him liberty to go to his friends and

southwest and northwest, and winter

receive care.

there.

4When we had put to sea from there, we 3

1 When the south wind blew softly,

sailed under the shelter of Cyprus,

supposing that they had obtained their

because the winds were contrary.

desire, putting out to sea, they sailed

5 close by Crete.

And when we had sailed over the sea

which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we

came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

1 2 4 4saying, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you

But not long after, a tempestuous head

wind arose, called Euroclydon. must be brought before Caesar; and

indeed God has granted you all those

15 who sail with you.'

So when the ship was caught, and

could not head into the wind, we let her 5Therefore take heart, men,
for I

drive. 2

believe God that it will be just as it was

16 told me.

And running under the shelter of an
island called Clauda, we secured the
skiff with difficulty. 2 6However, we must run aground on a
certain island."

17When they had taken it on board, they
used cables to undergird the ship; and Now when the fourteenth night
had 2 7

fearing lest they should run aground on come, as we were driven up
and down

the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so in the Adriatic Sea, about
midnight the

were driven. sailors sensed that they were drawing
near some land.

18And because we were exceedingly
tempest-tossed, the next day they 2 8And they took soundings and
found it lightened the ship. to be twenty fathoms; and when they
had gone a little farther, they took

19 soundings again and found it to be

On the third day we threw the ship's
tackle overboard with our own hands. fifteen fathoms.

2 ' Then, fearing lest we should run

0Now when neither sun nor stars 2

appeared for many days, and no small aground on the rocks, they
dropped four

tempest beat on us, all hope that we anchors from the stern, and

prayed for

would be saved was finally given up. day to come.

21 30And as the sailors were seeking to

But after long abstinence from food,

then Paul stood in the midst of them and escape from the ship, when they had let

said, "Men, you should have listened to down the skill into the sea, under

me, and not have sailed from Crete and pretense of putting out anchors from the

incurred this disaster and loss. prow,

22 31Paul said to the centurion and the

And now I urge you to take heart, for

there will be no loss of life among you, soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the

but only of the ship. ship, you cannot be saved."

2 32 3For there stood by me this night an

Then the soldiers cut away the ropes

angel of the God to whom I belong and of the skiff and let it fall off. whom I serve, 33And as day was about to dawn, Paul 4 2And the soldiers' plan was to kill the implored them all to take food, saying, prisoners, lest any of them should swim

"Today is the fourteenth day you have away and escape. waited and continued without food, and

eaten nothing. 43

3 commanded that those who could swim

4Therefore I urge you to take Paul, kept them from their purpose, and
nourishment, for this is for your survival, should jump overboard first
and get to

since not a hair will fall from the head of land, any of you."

44

3 some on parts of the ship. And so it was

5And when he had said these things, he and the rest, some on boards
and

took bread and gave thanks to God in that they all escaped safely to
land. the presence of them all; and when he

had broken it he began to eat.

3 28Now when they had escaped, they 6 Then they were all
encouraged, and then found out that the island was called also took
food themselves. Malta.

37And in all we were two hundred and 2 And the natives showed us
unusual seventy-six persons on the ship. kindness; for they kindled a
fire and

38 made us all welcome, because of the So when they had eaten
enough, they rain that was falling and because of the

lightened the ship and threw out the cold. wheat into the sea.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle 9 3

When it was day, they did not of sticks and laid them on the fire, a

recognize the land; but they observed a viper came out because of the heat, and

bay with a beach, onto which they fastened on his hand. planned to run the ship if possible.

4

0And they let go the anchors and left 4 So when the natives saw the creature

hanging from his hand, they said to one them in the sea, meanwhile loosing the another, "No doubt this man is a

rudder ropes; and they hoisted the murderer, whom, though he has mainsail to the wind and made for shore. escaped the sea, yet justice does not

allow to live."

4 1

But striking a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the 5But he shook off the creature into the prow stuck fast and remained fire and suffered no harm. immovable, but the stern was being

broken up by the violence of the waves. 6However, they were expecting that he

would swell up or suddenly fall down dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come to him, When Paul saw them, he thanked God they changed their minds and said that and took courage. he was a god.

16Now when we came to Rome, the

7In that region there was an estate of the centurion delivered the prisoners to the

leading citizen of the island, whose captain of the guard; but Paul was
name was Publius, who received us and permitted to dwell by himself
with the
entertained us courteously for three soldier who guarded him. days.

1 7And it came to pass after three days

8And it happened that the father of that Paul called the leaders of the
Jews

Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. together. So when they had
come

Paul went in to him and prayed, and he together, he said to them:
"Men and

laid his hands on him and healed him. brethren, though I have done
nothing

against our people or the customs of our

'So when this was done, the rest of fathers, yet I was delivered as a
prisoner

those on the island who had diseases from Jerusalem into the hands of
the

also came and were healed. Romans,

1 1 0They also honored us in many ways;

' who, when they had examined me,

and when we departed, they provided wanted to let me go, because
there was

such things as were necessary. no cause for putting me to death.

1 1 1 ' But when the Jews spoke against it, I After three months we
sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was was compelled to
appeal to Caesar, not

the Twin Brothers, which had wintered that I had anything of which to accuse

at the island. my nation.

1 2 0For this reason therefore I have called 2And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. for you, to see you and speak with you,

because for the hope of Israel I am

1 bound with this chain." 3From there we circled round and

reached Rhegium. And after one day 2 1Then they said to him, "We neither the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli, received letters from Judea concerning

you, nor have any of the brethren who

14 came reported or spoken any evil of you.

where we found brethren, and were

invited to stay with them seven days. 2 2But we desire to hear from you what And so we went toward Rome.

you think; for concerning this sect, we

1 know that it is spoken against 5And from there, when the brethren

everywhere."

heard about us, they came to meet us

as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns.

2 2 7 3So when they had appointed him a

For the hearts of this people have

day, many came to him at his lodging, to grown dull. Their ears are hard of

whom he explained and solemnly hearing, And their eyes they have testified of the kingdom of God, closed, Lest they should see with their persuading them concerning Jesus from eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they

both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, should understand with their hearts and

from morning till evening. turn, So that I should heal them."

22 4 And some were persuaded by the

" Therefore let it be known to you that

things which were spoken, and some the salvation of God has been sent to

disbelieved. the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

22 5

So when they did not agree among ' And when he had said these words,

themselves, they departed after Paul the Jews departed and had a great

had said one word: "The Holy Spirit dispute among themselves. spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet

to our fathers, 0 3 Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his

own rented house, and received all who

26 saying, "Go to this people and say:

came to him,

"Hearing you will hear, and shall not

understand; And seeing you will see, 31 preaching the kingdom of God and

and not perceive; teaching the things which concern the

Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no
one forbidding him.

1st Letter of Apostle Peter

believing, you rejoice with joy
inexpressible and full of glory,

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To

the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, 9 receiving the end of your
faith--the

salvation of your souls.

Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1 0

2 of this salvation the prophets have

elect according to the foreknowledge of

inquired and searched carefully, who

God the Father, in sanctification of the

Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of prophesied of the grace that
would

the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you come to you,

and peace be multiplied. 1searching what, or what manner of

1

3Blessed be the God and Father of our time, the Spirit of Christ who
was in them was indicating when He testified Lord Jesus Christ, who
according to His beforehand the sufferings of Christ and abundant
mercy has begotten us again the glories that would follow. to a living
hope through the resurrection

of Jesus Christ from the dead, ¹ 2To them it was revealed that, not to
⁴ themselves, but to us they were to an inheritance incorruptible and
ministering the things which now have
undefiled and that does not fade away,
reserved in heaven for you, been reported to you through those who
have preached the gospel to you by the
^s Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things
who are kept by the power of God which angels desire to look into.
through faith for salvation ready to be
revealed in the last time. ¹ 3Therefore gird up the loins of your ⁶ mind,
be sober, and rest your hope fully
In this you greatly rejoice, though now upon the grace that is to be
brought to
for a little while, if need be, you have you at the revelation of Jesus
Christ;
been grieved by various trials,

¹ 4

⁷ as obedient children, not conforming
that the genuineness of your faith, yourselves to the former lusts, as in
your
being much more precious than gold ignorance; that perishes, though
it is tested by fire,
may be found to praise, honor, and glory ¹⁵
but as He who called you is holy, you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ,
also be holy in all your conduct,

'whom having not seen you love. ¹⁶because it is written, "Be holy, for I am Though now you do not see Him, yet holy." ¹⁷

And if you call on the Father, who

each one's work, conduct yourselves deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil throughout the time of your stay here in without partiality judges according to ²Therefore, laying aside all malice, all

speaking,

fear;

^{2a}as newborn babes, desire the pure milk

¹ ' knowing that you were not redeemed

of the word, that you may grow thereby,

with corruptible things, like silver or gold,

from your aimless conduct received by Gif indeed you have tasted that the Lord

tradition from your fathers,

is gracious.

¹' but with the precious blood of Christ,

⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone,

as of a lamb without blemish and

without spot. rejected indeed by men, but chosen by

God and precious,

²⁰He indeed was foreordained before

the foundation of the world, but was syou also, as living stones, are being

manifest in these last times for you built up a spiritual house, a holy
priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices
2 acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1

who through Him believe in God, who

raised Him from the dead and gave Him 6 Therefore it is also
contained in the glory, so that your faith and hope are in Scripture,
"Behold, I lay in Zion A chief God. cornerstone, elect, precious,
And he 2 who believes on Him will by no means 2

Since you have purified your souls in

be put to shame."

obeying the truth through the Spirit in

sincere love of the brethren, love one 7Therefore, to you who believe,
He is another fervently with a pure heart, precious; but to those who
are

2 disobedient, "The stone which the 3having been born again, not of
builders rejected Has become the chief
corruptible seed but incorruptible,
cornerstone,"

through the word of God which lives and

abides forever, 8

and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of

2 offense." They stumble, being 4 because "All flesh is as grass, And all
disobedient to the word, to which they the glory of man as the flower
of the also were appointed. grass. The grass withers, And its flower

falls away, 'But you are a chosen generation, a

2 royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own 5But the word of the LORD
endures

special people, that you may proclaim
forever." Now this is the word which by

the praises of Him who called you out of
the gospel was preached to you.

darkness into His marvelous light;

1 2 0who once were not a people but are 0For what credit is it if, when
you are now the people of God, who had not beaten for your faults,
you take it

obtained mercy but now have obtained patiently? But when you do
good and

mercy. suffer, if you take it patiently, this is

commendable before God.

11Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and

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pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which For to this you were called,
because

war against the soul, Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an

example, that you should follow His

12having your conduct honorable among

steps:

the Gentiles, that when they speak

against you as evildoers, they may, by 224 Who committed no sin, Nor
was your good works which they observe, deceit found in His mouth";
glorify God in the day of visitation.

23who, when He was reviled, did not

13Therefore submit yourselves to every revile in return; when He suffered, He

ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, did not threaten, but committed Himself

whether to the king as supreme, to Him who judges righteously;

1244 or to governors, as to those who are who Himself bore our sins in His own sent by him for the punishment of body on the tree, that we, having died to

evildoers and for the praise of those sins, might live for righteousness-- by

who do good. whose stripes you were healed.

1255 For this is the will of God, that by doing For you were like sheep going astray, good you may put to silence the but have now returned to the Shepherd

ignorance of foolish men-- and Overseer of your souls.

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as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak

for vice, but as bondservants of God. 3Wives, likewise, be submissive to

1 your own husbands, that even if some 7Honor all people. Love the

do not obey the word, they, without a

brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. word, may be won by the conduct of

their wives,

18Servants, be submissive to your

masters with all fear, not only to the 2 when they observe your chaste conduct good and gentle, but also to the harsh. accompanied by fear.

1 ' For this is commendable, if because of 3Do not let your adornment be merely

conscience toward God one endures outward--arranging the hair, wearing

grief, suffering wrongfully. gold, or putting on fine apparel--4 1 rather let it be the hidden person of the 3And who is he who will harm you if you heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a become followers of what is good? gentle and quiet spirit, which is very

precious in the sight of God. 14But even if you should suffer for

righteousness' sake, you are blessed.

5For in this manner, in former times, the "And do not be afraid of their threats,

holy women who trusted in God also nor be troubled." adorned themselves, being submissive

to their own husbands, 1 5But sanctify the Lord God in your

hearts, and always be ready to give a

6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him defense to everyone who asks you a

lord, whose daughters you are if you do reason for the hope that is in you, with

good and are not afraid with any terror. meekness and fear;

7 1 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them 6having a good conscience, that when with understanding, giving honor to the they defame you as evildoers, those

wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as who revile your good conduct in Christ

being heirs together of the grace of life, may be ashamed. that your prayers may not be hindered.

17

For it is better, if it is the will of God, to

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

having compassion for one another;

love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be 18For Christ also suffered once for sins, courteous; the just for the unjust, that He might

bring us to God, being put to death in

'not returning evil for evil or reviling for the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

reviling, but on the contrary blessing,

knowing that you were called to this, 1 ' by whom also He went and preached that you may inherit a blessing. to the spirits in prison,

10For "He who would love life And see 0who formerly were disobedient, when

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good days, Let him refrain his tongue once the Divine longsuffering waited in

from evil, And his lips from speaking the days of Noah, while the ark was

deceit. being prepared, in which a few, that is,

eight souls, were saved through water.

11

Let him turn away from evil and do

good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. 21There is also an antitype which now

12

For the eyes of the LORD are on the the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a

righteous, And His ears are open to their good conscience toward God), through

prayers; But the face of the LORD is the resurrection of Jesus Christ, against those who do evil."

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who has gone into heaven and is at Be hospitable to one another without

the right hand of God, angels and grumbling. authorities and powers having been

made subject to Him. 10As each one has received a gift,

minister it to one another, as good

stewards of the manifold grace of God.

4Therefore, since Christ suffered for

11 anyone speaks, let him speak as the

us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with

the same mind, for he who has suffered oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let

in the flesh has ceased from sin, him do it as with the ability which God

supplies, that in all things God may be

2 glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom

that he no longer should live the rest of

belong the glory and the dominion

his time in the flesh for the lusts of men,

forever and ever. Amen.

but for the will of God.

3For we have spent enough of our past 1 2Beloved, do not think it strange

lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles-- concerning the fiery trial which is to try

when we walked in lewdness, lusts, you, as though some strange thing

happened to you;

drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties,

and abominable idolatries. 13but rejoice to the extent that you 4 partake of Christ's sufferings, that when

In regard to these, they think it strange

His glory is revealed, you may also be

that you do not run with them in the

glad with exceeding joy.

same flood of dissipation, speaking evil

of you. 14 you are reproached for the name of 5 Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of

They will give an account to Him who is

glory and of God rests upon you. On

ready to judge the living and the dead.

their part He is blasphemed, but on your

6 part He is glorified.

For this reason the gospel was

preached also to those who are dead, ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a
that they might be judged according to

men in the flesh, but live according to murderer, a thief, an evildoer,
or as a

God in the spirit. busybody in other people's matters.

¹ ⁶ et if anyone suffers as a Christian, let

⁷But the end of all things is at hand;

him not be ashamed, but let him glorify

therefore be serious and watchful in

God in this matter.

your prayers.

⁸ For the time has come for judgment to And above all things have
fervent love ¹⁷

begin at the house of God; and if it

for one another, for "love will cover a

begins with us first, what will be the end

multitude of sins."

of those who do not obey the gospel of ⁶Therefore humble yourselves
under the

God? mighty hand of God, that He may exalt

you in due time,

¹' Now "If the righteous one is scarcely

saved, Where will the ungodly and the ⁷casting all your care upon
Him, for He sinner appear?" cares for you.

18 ' Therefore let those who suffer Be sober, be vigilant; because your according to the will of God commit their adversary the devil walks about like a

souls to Him in doing good, as to a roaring lion, seeking whom he may faithful Creator. devour.

'Resist him, steadfast in the faith,

5The elders who are among you I knowing that the same sufferings are

experienced by your brotherhood in the exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a world.

witness of the sufferings of Christ, and

also a partaker of the glory that will be 10But may the God of all grace, who revealed:

called us to His eternal glory by Christ

2 Jesus, after you have suffered a while,

Shepherd the flock of God which is

perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle among you, serving as overseers, not you.

by compulsion but willingly, not for

dishonest gain but eagerly; 11To Him be the glory and the dominion

3nor as being lords over those entrusted forever and ever. Amen.

to you, but being examples to the flock; ¹ 2By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I

⁴ consider him, I have written to you and when the Chief Shepherd appears,

you will receive the crown of glory that briefly, exhorting and testifying that this

is the true grace of God in which you does not fade away.

stand.

⁵Likewise you younger people, submit ³

¹ She who is in Babylon, elect together yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you

be submissive to one another, and be with you, greets you; and so does Mark

my son.

clothed with humility, for "God resists

the proud, But gives grace to the ¹ ⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. humble."

Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

1st Letter of Apostle John

'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse

¹ us from all unrighteousness. That which was from the beginning,

which we have heard, which we have ¹ 0 we say that we have not sinned, we seen with our eyes, which we have

make Him a liar, and His word is not in
looked upon, and our hands have

us.

handled, concerning the Word of life--

²the life was manifested, and we have

seen, and bear witness, and declare to ²My little children, these things
I write

you that eternal life which was with the to you, so that you may not sin. And if

Father and was manifested to us-- anyone sins, we have an Advocate with

the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

³that which we have seen and heard we

declare to you, that you also may have ²And He Himself is the propitiation for fellowship with us; and truly our our sins, and not for ours only but also

fellowship is with the Father and with for the whole world. His Son Jesus Christ.

³Now by this we know that we know Him,

⁴ And these things we write to you that if we keep His commandments. your joy may be full.

⁴ He who says, "I know Him," and does

⁵This is the message which we have not keep His commandments, is a liar,

heard from Him and declare to you, that and the truth is not in him. God is light and in Him is no darkness at

all. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the

love of God is perfected in him. By this

⁶If we say that we have fellowship with we know that we are in Him. Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and

do not practice the truth. ⁶ He who says he abides in Him ought

himself also to walk just as He walked.

⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the

light, we have fellowship with one ⁷Brethren, I write no new commandment another, and the blood of Jesus Christ to you, but an old commandment which

His Son cleanses us from all sin. you have had from the beginning. The

old commandment is the word which

'If we say that we have no sin, we you heard from the beginning. deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in

us.

⁸ ¹ Again, a new commandment I write to ⁶For all that is in the world--the lust of you, which thing is true in Him and in the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the

you, because the darkness is passing pride of life--is not of the Father but is of

away, and the true light is already the world. shining.

¹ ⁷

And the world is passing away, and

'He who says he is in the light, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of

hates his brother, is in darkness until God abides forever. now.

1 as you have heard that the Antichrist is

0He who loves his brother abides in the Little children, it is the last hour; and

light, and there is no cause for stumbling coming, even now many antichrists

in him. have come, by which we know that it is

the last hour.

11

But he who hates his brother is in

darkness and walks in darkness, and 1 ' They went out from us, but they were does not know where he is going, not of us; for if they had been of us, they

because the darkness has blinded his would have continued with us; but they

eyes. went out that they might be made

manifest, that none of them were of us.

12 write to you, little children, Because

your sins are forgiven you for His 2 0But you have an anointing from the name's sake. Holy One, and you know all things.

1 2 3 write to you, fathers, Because you 1a have not written to you because you have known Him who is from the do not know the truth, but because you

beginning. I write to you, young men, know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Because you have overcome the wicked

one. I write to you, little children, 2 2Who is a liar but he who denies that Because you have known the Father. Jesus is the Christ? He is

antichrist who

denies the Father and the Son.

¹⁴ I have written to you, fathers, Because

you have known Him who is from the ² ³Whoever denies the Son does not beginning. I have written to you, young have the Father either; he who

men, Because you are strong, and the acknowledges the Son has the Father

word of God abides in you, And you also. have overcome the wicked one.

²⁴Therefore let that abide in you which

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in

you heard from the beginning. If what

the world. If anyone loves the world, the you heard from the beginning abides in

love of the Father is not in him. you, you also will abide in the Son and

in the Father.

² ⁵And this is the promise that He has

And you know that He was manifested

promised us--eternal life. to take away our sins, and in Him there

is no sin.

²⁶These things I have written to you

concerning those who try to deceive you. ⁶ Whoever abides in Him does not sin.

Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor

²⁷ known Him.

But the anointing which you have
received from Him abides in you, and
you do not need that anyone teach you; ⁷ Little children, let no one
deceive you. but as the same anointing teaches you He who practices
righteousness is
concerning all things, and is true, and is righteous, just as He is
righteous. not a lie, and just as it has taught you,
you will abide in Him. ⁸He who sins is of the devil, for the devil

² purpose the Son of God was manifested,
⁸And now, little children, abide in Him, has sinned from the
beginning. For this
that when He appears, we may have that He might destroy the works
of the
confidence and not be ashamed before devil. Him at His coming.

² not sin, for His seed remains in him; and
⁹ you know that He is righteous, you ⁹Whoever has been born of God
does
know that everyone who practices he cannot sin, because he has been
righteousness is born of Him. born of God.

¹⁰ In this the children of God and the
³Behold what manner of love the children of the devil are manifest:
Whoever does not practice
Father has bestowed on us, that we
righteousness is not of God, nor is he

should be called children of God!

Therefore the world does not know us, who does not love his brother.

because it did not know Him. ¹ 1For this is the message that you heard
² from the beginning, that we should love

Beloved, now we are children of God;

one another,

and it has not yet been revealed what

we shall be, but we know that when He ¹ ²not as Cain who was of
the wicked is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him
as He is. one and murdered his brother. And why

did he murder him? Because his works

³And everyone who has this hope in Him were evil and his brother's
righteous.

purifies himself, just as He is pure. ¹³Do not marvel, my brethren, if
the ⁴ world hates you.

Whoever commits sin also commits

lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. ¹⁴We know that we have passed
from

death to life, because we love the

² ⁴

brethren. He who does not love his Now he who keeps His brother
abides in death. commandments abides in Him, and He

in him. And by this we know that He

¹⁵Whoever hates his brother is a

abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has

murderer, and you know that no given us. murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16

By this we know love, because He laid 4Beloved, do not believe every spirit,

down His life for us. And we also ought but test the spirits, whether they are of

to lay down our lives for the brethren. God; because many false prophets have

gone out into the world.

17 But whoever has this world's goods,

and sees his brother in need, and shuts 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: up his heart from him, how does the Every spirit that confesses that Jesus

love of God abide in him? Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

18My little children, let us not love in

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and every spirit that does not confess

word or in tongue, but in deed and in that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh

truth. is not of God. And this is the spirit of the

1 coming, and is now already in the world.

9And by this we know that we are of the Antichrist, which you have heard was

truth, and shall assure our hearts before

Him. 4 You are of God, little children, and have

overcome them, because He who is in

20For if our heart condemns us, God is

you is greater than he who is in the

greater than our heart, and knows all world. things.

5 They are of the world. Therefore they

21Beloved, if our heart does not

speak as of the world, and the world

condemn us, we have confidence hears them. toward God.

6 We are of God. He who knows God

22 And whatever we ask we receive from hears us; he who is not of
God does not

Him, because we keep His hear us. By this we know the spirit of
commandments and do those things truth and the spirit of error.
that are pleasing in His sight.

2 love is of God; and everyone who loves

3And this is His commandment: that we 7Beloved, let us love one
another, for

should believe on the name of His Son is born of God and knows God.
Jesus Christ and love one another, as

He gave us commandment. 8He who does not love does not know

God, for God is love.

'In this the love of God was manifested 1' We love Him because He first
loved us. toward us, that God has sent His only

begotten Son into the world, that we 2 0 someone says, "I love God,"
and might live through Him. hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who

does not love his brother whom he has

1 0 n this is love, not that we loved God,

seen, how can he love God whom he

but that He loved us and sent His Son to has not seen? be the
propitiation for our sins.

2 1

1 Him: that he who loves God must love

1 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also And this commandment we have
from

ought to love one another. his brother also.

12 No one has seen God at any time. If

we love one another, God abides in us, 5Whoever believes that Jesus
is the and His love has been perfected in us.

Christ is born of God, and everyone who

1 loves Him who begot also loves him 3By this we know that we abide
in Him,

who is begotten of Him.

and He in us, because He has given us

of His Spirit. 2

By this we know that we love the

1 children of God, when we love God and 4 And we have seen and
testify that the keep His commandments.

Father has sent the Son as Savior of the

world. 3For this is the love of God, that we keep

1 His commandments. And His 5Whoever confesses that Jesus is the

commandments are not burdensome.

Son of God, God abides in him, and he

in God. 4

For whatever is born of God overcomes

1 the world. And this is the victory that has 6 And we have known and believed the

overcome the world--our faith.

love that God has for us. God is love,

and he who abides in love abides in 5

Who is he who overcomes the world,

God, and God in him.

but he who believes that Jesus is the

1 Son of God? 7 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the 6

This is He who came by water and

day of judgment; because as He is, so

blood--Jesus Christ; not only by water,

are we in this world.

but by water and blood. And it is the

1 Spirit who bears witness, because the 8 There is no fear in love; but perfect

Spirit is truth.

love casts out fear, because fear

involves torment. But he who fears has 7 For there are three that bear

witness in not been made perfect in love.

heaven: the Father, the Word, and the

Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

81 And there are three that bear witness 5And if we know that He hears us, on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the whatever we ask, we know that we have

blood; and these three agree as one. the petitions that we have asked of Him.

'If we receive the witness of men, the 16 anyone sees his brother sinning a witness of God is greater; for this is the sin which does not lead to death, he will

witness of God which He has testified of ask, and He will give him life for those

His Son. who commit sin not leading to death.

There is sin leading to death. I do not

10He who believes in the Son of God

say that he should pray about that.

has the witness in himself; he who does 7All unrighteousness is sin, and there is

not believe God has made Him a liar, 1

because he has not believed the sin not leading to death. testimony that God has given of His Son.

1 ' We know that whoever is born of God

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And this is the testimony: that God has does not sin; but he who has been born

given us eternal life, and this life is in of God keeps himself, and the wicked

His Son. one does not touch him.

1 1 2

He who has the Son has life; he who ' We know that we are of God, and the

does not have the Son of God does not whole world lies under the sway of the

have life. wicked one.

1 2 30

These things I have written to you who And we know that the Son of God has

believe in the name of the Son of God, come and has given us an that you may know that you have eternal understanding, that we may know Him

life, and that you may continue to who is true; and we are in Him who is

believe in the name of the Son of God. true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the

true God and eternal life.

14Now this is the confidence that we

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have in Him, that if we ask anything Little children, keep yourselves from

according to His will, He hears us. idols. Amen.

The letter of brother James to the Dispersed Brethren

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For no sooner has the sun risen with a
burning heat than it withers the grass; its

1 flower falls, and its beautiful appearance James, a bondservant of
God and of

perishes. So the rich man also will fade

the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve away in his pursuits. tribes which
are scattered abroad:

Greetings. 12Blessed is the man who endures 2 temptation; for when he
has been

My brethren, count it all joy when you

approved, he will receive the crown of

fall into various trials, life which the Lord has promised to

3knowing that the testing of your faith those who love Him.

produces patience. 13Let no one say when he is tempted, "I 4 am
tempted by God"; for God cannot be

But let patience have its perfect work, tempted by evil, nor does He
Himself

that you may be perfect and complete, tempt anyone. lacking nothing.

14

5 But each one is tempted when he is

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask drawn away by his own

desires and

of God, who gives to all liberally and enticed. without reproach, and it will be given to

him. 15Then, when desire has conceived, it 6 gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, grown, brings forth death.

for he who doubts is like a wave of the

sea driven and tossed by the wind. 16Do not be deceived, my beloved 7 brethren.

For let not that man suppose that he

will receive anything from the Lord; 17Every good gift and every perfect gift 8 is from above, and comes down from

he is a double-minded man, unstable in the Father of lights, with whom there is

all his ways. no variation or shadow of turning.

Let the lowly brother glory in his 18Of His own will He brought us forth by

exaltation, the word of truth, that we might be a

kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

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but the rich in his humiliation, because

as a flower of the field he will pass away. 1' So then, my beloved brethren, let

every man be swift to hear, slow to

speak, slow to wrath;

2 0 or the wrath of man does not produce hand you pay attention to the one

the righteousness of God. wearing the fine clothes and say to him,

"You sit here in a good place," and say

²¹Therefore lay aside all filthiness and

to the poor man, "You stand there," or,

overflow of wickedness, and receive "Sit here at my footstool," with
meekness the implanted word,

which is able to save your souls. ⁴ have you not shown partiality
among

yourselves, and become judges with evil

²² thoughts?

But be doers of the word, and not
hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

⁵Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God

²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word

not chosen the poor of this world to be

and not a doer, he is like a man rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom
observing his natural face in a mirror; which He promised to those
who love

Him?

²⁴ or he observes himself, goes away,

and immediately forgets what kind of ⁶ But you have dishonored the
poor man.

man he was. Do not the rich oppress you and drag

you into the courts?

²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law

⁷ Do they not blaspheme that noble

of liberty and continues in it, and is not a

forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, name by which you are called? this one will be blessed in what he does.

8 If you really fulfill the royal law

26 anyone among you thinks he is according to the Scripture, "You shall

religious, and does not bridle his tongue love your neighbor as yourself," you do

but deceives his own heart, this one's well; religion is useless.

'but if you show partiality, you commit

2 7 ure and undefiled religion before God sin, and are convicted by the law as

and the Father is this: to visit orphans transgressors.

and widows in their trouble, and to keep 0For whoever shall keep the whole law,

oneself unspotted from the world. 1

and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty

of all.

our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, 2My brethren, do not hold the faith of 1 1For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." with partiality. Now if you do not commit adultery, but 2 you do murder, you have become a

For if there should come into your transgressor of the law.

assembly a man with gold rings, in fine

apparel, and there should also come in

a poor man in filthy clothes, 1 2 2 3And the Scripture was fulfilled

which

So speak and so do as those who will
be judged by the law of liberty. says, "Abraham believed God, and it
was accounted to him for

13For judgment is without mercy to the
righteousness." And he was called the
one who has shown no mercy. Mercy friend of God. triumphs over
judgment.

2 4 ou see then that a man is justified by
14 works, and not by faith only.

What does it profit, my brethren, if
someone says he has faith but does not
have works? Can faith save him? 2 5Likewise, was not Rahab the
harlot

also justified by works when she
15 a brother or sister is naked and received the messengers and sent
them
destitute of daily food, out another way?

16 6For as the body without the spirit is

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and one of you says to them, "Depart
in peace, be warmed and filled," but you dead, so faith without works
is dead also.
do not give them the things which are
needed for the body, what does it profit?

3My brethren, let not many of you

17Thus also faith by itself, if it does not

become teachers, knowing that we shall

have works, is dead. receive a stricter judgment.

1 2 8 But someone will say, "You have faith, For we all stumble in many things. If and I have works." Show me your faith anyone does not stumble in word, he is

without your works, and I will show you a perfect man, able also to bridle the

my faith by my works. whole body.

19You believe that there is one God. You 3Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths

do well. Even the demons believe--and that they may obey us, and we turn their

tremble! whole body.

20But do you want to know, O foolish

4 Look also at ships: although they are so

man, that faith without works is dead? large and are driven by fierce winds,

they are turned by a very small rudder

21 wherever the pilot desires.

Was not Abraham our father justified

by works when he offered Isaac his son

on the altar? 5 Even so the tongue is a little member

and boasts great things. See how great

22 a forest a little fire kindles!

Do you see that faith was working

together with his works, and by works

faith was made perfect? 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of

iniquity. The tongue is so set among our

members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of
nature; to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,

and it is set on fire by hell. without partiality and without hypocrisy.

7 1 For every kind of beast and bird, of 8 Now the fruit of righteousness
is sown reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed in peace by those who
make peace. and has been tamed by mankind.

8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is 4 Where do wars and fights
come from

an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

among you? Do they not come from

your desires for pleasure that war in

'With it we bless our God and Father, your members? and with it we
curse men, who have

been made in the similitude of God. 2

You lust and do not have. You murder

1 and covet and cannot obtain. You fight

0 Out of the same mouth proceed and war. Yet you do not have
because

blessing and cursing. My brethren, you do not ask. these things ought
not to be so.

1 You ask and do not receive, because 1 Does a spring send forth fresh water

you ask amiss, that you may spend it on
and bitter from the same opening? your pleasures.

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear 4 Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus not know that friendship with the world is

no spring yields both salt water and enmity with God? Whoever therefore

fresh. wants to be a friend of the world makes

himself an enemy of God.

13 Who is wise and understanding among

you? Let him show by good conduct that 5 Or do you think that the Scripture says his works are done in the meekness of in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us

wisdom. yearns jealously"?

14 6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He

But if you have bitter envy and self-

seeking in your hearts, do not boast and says: "God resists the proud,
But gives

lie against the truth. grace to the humble."

17 5 This wisdom does not descend from Therefore submit to God. Resist the above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. devil and he will flee from you.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, 8Draw near to God and He will draw confusion and every evil thing are there. near to you. Cleanse your hands, you

sinners; and purify your hearts, you

17But the wisdom that is from above is

double-minded.

first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing 1Lament and mourn and weep! Let your 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your laughter be turned to mourning and your garments are moth-eaten. joy to gloom.

1 Humble yourselves in the sight of the their corrosion will be a witness against

0 3Your gold and silver are corroded, and

Lord, and He will lift you up. you and will eat your flesh like fire. You

have heaped up treasure in the last

11 days.

Do not speak evil of one another,

brethren. He who speaks evil of a

brother and judges his brother, speaks 4Indeed the wages of the laborers who evil of the law and judges the law. But if mowed your fields, which you kept back

you judge the law, you are not a doer of by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the

the law but a judge. reapers have reached the ears of the

Lord of Sabaoth.

There is one Lawgiver, who is able to

save and to destroy. Who are you to
save? You have lived on the earth in
pleasure; you have judged another;
and luxury; you have fattened your

hearts as in a day of slaughter.

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or

tomorrow we will go to such and such a
city, spend a year there, buy and sell,
murdered the just; he does not
resist

and make a profit"; you.

17 4 whereas you do not know what will

Therefore be patient, brethren, until the

happen tomorrow. For what is your life?
coming of the Lord. See how
the farmer

It is even a vapor that appears for a little,
waits for the precious fruit of
the earth,

time and then vanishes away. waiting
patiently for it until it receives
the

early and latter rain.

15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord

wills, we shall live and do this or that."
8 You also be patient. Establish
your

hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at

16 But now you boast in your arrogance.

hand.

All such boasting is evil.

'Do not grumble against one another,

17Therefore, to him who knows to do

brethren, lest you be condemned.

good and does not do it, to him it is sin. Behold, the Judge is standing
at the

door!

10My brethren, take the prophets, who

5Come now, you rich, weep and howl

spoke in the name of the Lord, as an

for your miseries that are coming upon example of suffering and
patience. you!

11 1 Indeed we count them blessed who 6Confess your trespasses to
one endure. You have heard of the another, and pray for one another,
that

perseverance of Job and seen the end you may be healed. The
effective,

intended by the Lord--that the Lord is fervent prayer of a righteous
man avails

very compassionate and merciful. much.

11 2 7 But above all, my brethren, do not Elijah was a man with a
nature like swear, either by heaven or by earth or ours, and he prayed
earnestly that it

with any other oath. But let your "Yes" would not rain; and it did not
rain on the

be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you land for three years and six
months. fall into judgment.

1 ' And he prayed again, and the heaven

13 s anyone among you suffering? Let gave rain, and the earth

produced its

him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him fruit. sing psalms.

1 ' Brethren, if anyone among you

14 s anyone among you sick? Let him wanders from the truth, and someone

call for the elders of the church, and let turns him back, them pray over him, anointing him with

oil in the name of the Lord. 2 0 et him know that he who turns a

sinner from the error of his way will save

15And the prayer of faith will save the

a soul from death and cover a multitude

sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And of sins. if he has committed sins, he will be

forgiven.

The letter of brother Jude to his brother James

strange flesh, are set forth as an
example, suffering the vengeance of
1 eternal fire. Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,

and brother of James, To those who are sLikewise also these dreamers
defile the called, sanctified by God the Father, and flesh, reject
authority, and speak evil of preserved in Jesus Christ: dignitaries.

2Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to 'Yet Michael the archangel,
in you.

contending with the devil, when he
3BeIoved, while I was very diligent to disputed about the body of
Moses,

dared not bring against him a reviling
write to you concerning our common accusation, but said, "The Lord
rebuke

salvation, I found it necessary to write to you!" you exhorting you to
contend earnestly

for the faith which was once for all 10But these speak evil of whatever
they delivered to the saints.

do not know; and whatever they know
4 naturally, like brute beasts, in these

For certain men have crept in unnoticed, things they corrupt
themselves.

who long ago were marked out for this

condemnation, ungodly men, who turn 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the grace of our God into lewdness and the way of Cain, have run greedily in the deny the only Lord God and our Lord error of Balaam for profit, and perished Jesus Christ. in the rebellion of Korah.

5 But I want to remind you, though you 2 These are spots in your love feasts,

1

once knew this, that the Lord, having

saved the people out of the land of while they feast with you without fear,

serving only themselves. They are

Egypt, afterward destroyed those who

clouds without water, carried about by

did not believe.

the winds; late autumn trees without fruit,

6 twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

And the angels who did not keep their

proper domain, but left their own abode, 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up He has reserved in everlasting chains

their own shame; wandering stars for

under darkness for the judgment of the

great day; whom is reserved the blackness of

darkness forever.

7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the 4

cities around them in a similar manner 1 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam,

to these, having given themselves over prophesied about these men also, to sexual immorality and gone after saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with 2 0But you, beloved, building yourselves ten thousands of His saints, up on your most holy faith, praying in

the Holy Spirit,

15 execute judgment on all, to convict

all who are ungodly among them of all 2 1

keep yourselves in the love of God,

their ungodly deeds which they have looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus

committed in an ungodly way, and of all Christ unto eternal life. the harsh things which ungodly sinners

have spoken against Him." 2 2And on some have compassion,

1

6These are grumblers, complainers, making a distinction;

walking according to their own lusts; and 2 3but others save with fear, pulling them they mouth great swelling words, out of the fire, hating even the garment

flattering people to gain advantage. defiled by the flesh.

17 But you, beloved, remember the words 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you

which were spoken before by the from stumbling, And to present you apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: faultless Before the presence of His

glory with exceeding joy,

1' how they told you that there would be

mockers in the last time who would walk 2 5To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, according to their own ungodly lusts. Be glory and majesty, Dominion and

power, Both now and forever. Amen.

1' These are sensual persons, who
cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

1st Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Thessalonica

'For they themselves declare

concerning us what manner of entry we

1 had to you, and how you turned to God Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the

from idols to serve the living and true

church of the Thessalonians in God the God, Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace

to you and peace from God our Father ¹ 0and to wait for His Son from heaven, and the Lord Jesus Christ. whom He raised from the dead, even ² Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to

We give thanks to God always for you come.

all, making mention of you in our

prayers,

3remembering without ceasing your ² For you yourselves know, brethren,

work of faith, labor of love, and patience that our coming to you was not in vain.

of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the

sight of our God and Father, ²But even after we had suffered before

and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as

⁴ you know, we were bold in our God to knowing, beloved brethren, your

election by God. speak to you the gospel of God in much

conflict.

5For our gospel did not come to you in 3For our exhortation did not come from

word only, but also in power, and in the

Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as error or uncleanness, nor was it in

you know what kind of men we were deceit. among you for your sake.

4 But as we have been approved by God

6 to be entrusted with the gospel, even so And you became followers of us and of

the Lord, having received the word in we speak, not as pleasing men, but God

much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, who tests our hearts.

7 5For neither at any time did we use so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. flattering words, as you know, nor a

cloak for covetousness--God is witness.

8For from you the word of the Lord has

sounded forth, not only in Macedonia 6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either

and Achaia, but also in every place. from you or from others, when we might

Your faith toward God has gone out, so have made demands as apostles of

that we do not need to say anything. Christ.

7 1 But we were gentle among you, just as 5who killed both the Lord Jesus and a nursing mother cherishes her own their own prophets, and

have children. persecuted us; and they do not please

God and are contrary to all men,

8So, affectionately longing for you, we

were well pleased to impart to you not ¹ 6 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles only the gospel of God, but also our own that they may be saved, so as always to

live, because you had become dear to fill up the measure of their sins; but

15. wrath has come upon them to the

uttermost.

For you remember, brethren, our labor ⁷ But we, brethren, having been taken

and toil; for laboring night and day, that ¹

we might not be a burden to any of you, away from you for a short time in

we preached to you the gospel of God. presence, not in heart, endeavored

more eagerly to see your face with great

¹⁰ you are witnesses, and God also, how desire. devoutly and justly and blamelessly we

behaved ourselves among you who ¹⁸ Therefore we wanted to come to you-- believe; even I, Paul, time and again--but Satan

hindered us.

¹¹

as you know how we exhorted, and

comforted, and charged every one of ¹ For what is our hope, or joy, or crown you, as a father does his own children, of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the

presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His

12 hat you would walk worthy of God coming?

who calls you into His own kingdom and 0For you are our glory and joy. glory. 2

13For this reason we also thank God

without ceasing, because when you 3Therefore, when we could no longer

received the word of God which you endure it, we thought it good to be left in

heard from us, you welcomed it not as Athens alone, the word of men, but as it is in truth, the

word of God, which also effectively 2

and sent Timothy, our brother and

works in you who believe.

minister of God, and our fellow laborer

1 in the gospel of Christ, to establish you 4 For you, brethren, became imitators of and encourage you concerning your the churches of God which are in Judea faith, in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered

the same things from your own 3that no one should be shaken by these

countrymen, just as they did from the

afflictions; for you yourselves know that

Judeans,

we are appointed to this.

4For, in fact, we told you before when and Father at the coming of our

Lord

we were with you that we would suffer Jesus Christ with all His saints. tribulation, just as it happened, and you

know.

5 Finally then, brethren, we urge and

For this reason, when I could no longer

exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should

endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest

abound more and more, just as you

by some means the tempter had

received from us how you ought to walk

tempted you, and our labor might be in

and to please God;

vain.

2 for you know what commandments we

6 But now that Timothy has come to us

gave you through the Lord Jesus.

from you, and brought us good news of

your faith and love, and that you always 3 For this is the will of God, your have good remembrance of us, greatly sanctification: that you should abstain desiring to see us, as we also to see from sexual immorality; you--

7 that each of you should know how to 4

therefore, brethren, in all our affliction

and distress we were comforted possess his own vessel in
sanctification

concerning you by your faith. and honor,

8

For now we live, if you stand fast in the s not in passion of lust, like
the Gentiles

Lord. who do not know God;

6 that no one should take advantage of

'For what thanks can we render to God

for you, for all the joy with which we and defraud his brother in this
matter,

rejoice for your sake before our God, because the Lord is the avenger
of all

such, as we also forewarned you and

1 testified. Onight and day praying exceedingly that we may see your
face and perfect what 7

For God did not call us to uncleanness,

is lacking in your faith?

but in holiness.

11 Now may our God and Father Himself, 8

Therefore he who rejects this does not

and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our

reject man, but God, who has also given

way to you.

12

And may the Lord make you increase 'But concerning brotherly love
you have

and abound in love to one another and

no need that I should write to you, for

to all, just as we do to you,

you yourselves are taught by God to

1 love one another; 3 so that He may establish your hearts blameless
in holiness before our God

10and indeed you do so toward all the

brethren who are in all Macedonia. But 5But concerning the times and
the

we urge you, brethren, that you increase

seasons, brethren, you have no need

more and more;

that I should write to you.

1 1 hat you also aspire to lead a quiet life,

2For you yourselves know perfectly that

to mind your own business, and to work

the day of the Lord so comes as a thief

with your own hands, as we

in the night.

commanded you,

1 3For when they say, "Peace and safety!" 2 hat you may walk

properly toward

then sudden destruction comes upon
those who are outside, and that you
them, as labor pains upon a pregnant
may lack nothing. woman. And they shall not escape.

¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant,

⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness,
brethren, concerning those who have
so that this Day should overtake you as
fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others
a thief.

who have no hope.

¹ For if we believe that Jesus died and

^{4 5}You are all sons of light and sons of the

day. We are not of the night nor of
rose again, even so God will bring with
darkness.

Him those who sleep in Jesus.

¹ For this we say to you by the word of

^{5 6}Therefore let us not sleep, as others do,

but let us watch and be sober.

the Lord, that we who are alive and

remain until the coming of the Lord will ⁷

by no means precede those who are For those who sleep, sleep at night,

asleep. and those who get drunk are drunk at

night.

¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from

heaven with a shout, with the voice of ⁸But let us who are of the day be sober,

an archangel, and with the trumpet of putting on the breastplate of faith and

God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. love, and as a helmet the hope of

salvation.

¹⁷

Then we who are alive and remain ⁹For God did not appoint us to wrath, but

shall be caught up together with them in

the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. to obtain salvation through our Lord

And thus we shall always be with the Jesus Christ,

Lord. ¹⁰who died for us, that whether we wake

¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with or sleep, we should live together with

these words. Him.

¹¹ ¹Therefore comfort each other and

¹ Do not quench the Spirit.

edify one another, just as you also are

doing. 2 0Do not despise prophecies.

1 2 2 And we urge you, brethren, to 1Test all things; hold fast what is good. recognize those who labor among you,

and are over you in the Lord and 2 2Abstain from every form of evil. admonish you,

2 3Now may the God of peace Himself

h and to esteem them very highly in love

for their work's sake. Be at peace sanctify you completely; and may your

whole spirit, soul, and body be

among yourselves.

preserved blameless at the coming of

1 our Lord Jesus Christ. 4Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the 2 4

He who calls you is faithful, who also

fainthearted, uphold the weak, be

will do it.

patient with all.

2 5Brethren, pray for us.

15

See that no one renders evil for evil to

anyone, but always pursue what is good 2 6Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss. both for yourselves and for all.

1 7 charge you by the Lord that this

Rejoice always,

epistle be read to all the holy brethren.

¹⁷pray without ceasing,

² ⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

¹ with you. Amen. ⁸in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Thessalonica

'These shall be punished with
everlasting destruction from the

1 presence of the Lord and from the glory Paul, Silvanus, and
Timothy, To the

of His power,

church of the Thessalonians in God our

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 1 0when He comes, in that Day, to be
2 glorified in His saints and to be admired

Grace to you and peace from God our among all those who believe,
because

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

our testimony among you was believed.

3We are bound to thank God always for 1 1Therefore we also pray
always for you you, brethren, as it is fitting, because that our God
would count you worthy of your faith grows exceedingly, and the this
calling, and fulfill all the good love of every one of you all abounds
pleasure of His goodness and the work toward each other, of faith
with power,

4so that we ourselves boast of you 2

1 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

among the churches of God for your may be glorified in you, and you
in Him,

patience and faith in all your according to the grace of our God and
persecutions and tribulations that you the Lord Jesus Christ. endure,

which is manifest evidence of the

2Now, brethren, concerning the

righteous judgment of God, that you

may be counted worthy of the kingdom coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our

of God, for which you also suffer; gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or

6since it is a righteous thing with God to

repay with tribulation those who trouble troubled, either by spirit or by word or by

you, letter, as if from us, as though the day of

Christ had come.

7and to give you who are troubled rest 3Let no one deceive you by any means;

with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed

from heaven with His mighty angels, for that Day will not come unless the

falling away comes first, and the man of

8 sin is revealed, the son of perdition, in flaming fire taking vengeance on

those who do not know God, and on 4 who opposes and exalts himself above those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. all that is called God or that is worshiped,

so that he sits as God in the temple of

God, showing himself that he is God.

51 Do you not remember that when I was 5Therefore, brethren, stand fast and still with you I told you these things? hold the traditions which you were

taught, whether by word or our epistle.

6And now you know what is restraining,

1 6

that he may be revealed in his own time. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ

Himself, and our God and Father, who

7 has loved us and given us everlasting For the mystery of lawlessness is

already at work; only He who now consolation and good hope by grace,

restrains will do so until He is taken out

of the way. 1 7comfort your hearts and establish you

in every good word and work.

'And then the lawless one will be

revealed, whom the Lord will consume

with the breath of His mouth and destroy 3Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the

with the brightness of His coming. word of the Lord may run swiftly and be

glorified, just as it is with you,

"The coming of the lawless one is

according to the working of Satan, with 2 and that we may be delivered from all power, signs, and lying wonders, unreasonable and

wicked men; for not

all have faith.

10

and with all unrighteous deception

among those who perish, because they 3But the Lord is faithful, who will

did not receive the love of the truth, that establish you and guard you from the

they might be saved. evil one.

11 And for this reason God will send them 4And we have confidence in the Lord strong delusion, that they should believe concerning you, both that you do and

the lie, will do the things we command you.

12 hat they all may be condemned who

5Now may the Lord direct your hearts

did not believe the truth but had into the love of God and into the pleasure in unrighteousness. patience of Christ.

13But we are bound to give thanks to

6 But we command you, brethren, in the

God always for you, brethren beloved by name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you

the Lord, because God from the withdraw from every brother who walks

beginning chose you for salvation disorderly and not according to the

through sanctification by the Spirit and tradition which he received from us. belief in the truth,

1

4 which He called you by our gospel, 7For you yourselves know how you

ought to follow us, for we were not

for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord disorderly among you; Jesus Christ.

81 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of 3But as for you, brethren, do not grow charge, but worked with labor and toil weary in doing good. night and day, that we might not be a

burden to any of you, 14And if anyone does not obey our word

in this epistle, note that person and do

'not because we do not have authority, not keep company with him, that he may

but to make ourselves an example of be ashamed. how you should follow us.

15 et do not count him as an enemy, but

10For even when we were with you, we

admonish him as a brother.

commanded you this: If anyone will not

work, neither shall he eat. 1 6Now may the Lord of peace Himself

1 The Lord be with you all.

1For we hear that there are some who give you peace always in every way.

walk among you in a disorderly manner,

not working at all, but are busybodies. 1 7The salutation of Paul with my own

hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so

12

Now those who are such we command I write.

and exhort through our Lord Jesus

Christ that they work in quietness and 1 8The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be eat their own bread. with you all. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Galatia

10

For do I now persuade men, or God?

Or do I seek to please men? For if I still

1 pleased men, I would not be a Paul, an apostle (not from men nor

bondservant of Christ.

through man, but through Jesus Christ

and God the Father who raised Him 1 But I make known to you,
brethren, from the dead),

that the gospel which was preached by

2 me is not according to man.

and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia: 1 2 For I neither received it from man, nor

3 Grace to you and peace from God the was I taught it, but it came
through the

revelation of Jesus Christ.

Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

13 For you have heard of my former

4 who gave Himself for our sins, that He

conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted

might deliver us from this present evil

the church of God beyond measure and
age, according to the will of our God and tried to destroy it. Father,

14

s And I advanced in Judaism beyond

to whom be glory forever and ever. many of my contemporaries in my
own

Amen.

nation, being more exceedingly zealous

6 for the traditions of my fathers.

1 marvel that you are turning away so

soon from Him who called you in the 1 5But when it pleased God, who
grace of Christ, to a different gospel, separated me from my mother's
womb

7 and called me through His grace,

which is not another; but there are

some who trouble you and want to 1 6

to reveal His Son in me, that I might

pervert the gospel of Christ.

preach Him among the Gentiles, I did

8 not immediately confer with flesh and

But even if we, or an angel from blood,

heaven, preach any other gospel to you

than what we have preached to you, let 1 7nor did I go up to
Jerusalem to those him be accursed.

who were apostles before me; but I went

to Arabia, and returned again to

'As we have said before, so now I say Damascus. again, if anyone preaches any other

gospel to you than what you have ¹⁸

Then after three years I went up to
received, let him be accursed.

Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained
with him fifteen days.

¹⁹ But I saw none of the other apostles

to whom we did not yield submission
except James, the Lord's brother. even for an hour, that the truth of
the

gospel might continue with you.

²⁰ (Now concerning the things which I

write to you, indeed, before God, I do ⁶ But from those who seemed to
be not lie.) something--whatever they were, it

makes no difference to me; God shows

²¹ Afterward I went into the regions of

personal favoritism to no man--for those
Syria and Cilicia. who seemed to be something added
nothing to me.

²² And I was unknown by face to the ⁷

churches of Judea which were in Christ. But on the contrary, when
they saw that

the gospel for the uncircumcised had

²³ But they were hearing only, "He who

been committed to me, as the gospel for

the circumcised was to Peter

formerly persecuted us now preaches

the faith which he once tried to destroy." ⁸ (for He who worked effectively in Peter

²⁴And they glorified God in me.

for the apostleship to the circumcised
also worked effectively in me toward the
Gentiles),

²Then after fourteen years I went up 'and when James, Cephas, and John,

again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and who seemed to be pillars,
perceived the

also took Titus with me. grace that had been given to me, they

gave me and Barnabas the right hand of

²And I went up by revelation, and fellowship, that we should go to the
communicated to them that gospel Gentiles and they to the
circumcised.

which I preach among the Gentiles, but

privately to those who were of reputation, ¹ ⁰They desired only that
we should lest by any means I might run, or had remember the poor,
the very thing which

run, in vain. I also was eager to do.

³ ¹ Yet not even Titus who was with me, Now when Peter had come
to Antioch, being a Greek, was compelled to be I withstood him to his
face, because he

circumcised. was to be blamed;

41 And this occurred because of false 2 or before certain men came from brethren secretly brought in (who came James, he would eat with the Gentiles;

in by stealth to spy out our liberty which but when they came, he withdrew and

we have in Christ Jesus, that they might separated himself, fearing those who

bring us into bondage), were of the circumcision.

13And the rest of the Jews also played

the hypocrite with him, so that even TO foolish Galatians! Who has Barnabas was carried away with their

bewitched you that you should not obey

hypocrisy.

the truth, before whose eyes Jesus

1 Christ was clearly portrayed among you 4 But when I saw that they were not as crucified?

straightforward about the truth of the

gospel, I said to Peter before them all, 2

This only I want to learn from you: Did

"If you, being a Jew, live in the manner

you receive the Spirit by the works of

of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do the law, or by the hearing of faith? you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?

1 3Are you so foolish? Having begun in 5 We who are Jews by nature, and not the Spirit, are you now being made sinners of the Gentiles, perfect by the flesh?

16knowing that a man is not justified by

4 Have you suffered so many things in the works of the law but by faith in Jesus vain--if indeed it was in vain? Christ, even we have believed in Christ

Jesus, that we might be justified by faith 5Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to in Christ and not by the works of the you and works miracles among you, law; for by the works of the law no flesh does He do it by the works of the law, or shall be justified. by the hearing of faith?--

1 7 But if, while we seek to be justified by

Christ, we ourselves also are found 6just as Abraham "believed God, and it

sinner, is Christ therefore a minister of was accounted to him for

righteousness."

sin? Certainly not!

1 Therefore know that only those who are

8For if I build again those things which I 7

of faith are sons of Abraham.

destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

1

9For I through the law died to the law 8And the Scripture, foreseeing that God

would justify the Gentiles by faith,

that I might live to God.

preached the gospel to Abraham

² beforehand, saying, "In you all the ^{0a} have been crucified with Christ; it is

nations shall be blessed."

no longer I who live, but Christ lives in

me; and the life which I now live in the 'So then those who are of faith are

flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,

blessed with believing Abraham.

who loved me and gave Himself for me.

²

^{1a} do not set aside the grace of God; for ^{1 0}For as many as are of the works of the

law are under the curse; for it is written,

if righteousness comes through the law,

"Cursed is everyone who does not

then Christ died in vain."

continue in all things which are written in come to whom the promise was made;

the book of the law, to do them." and it was appointed through angels by

the hand of a mediator.

¹¹

But that no one is justified by the law

in the sight of God is evident, for "the Now a mediator does not mediate for

just shall live by faith." one only, but God is one.

12 2 1 s the law then against the promises of

Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man

who does them shall live by them." God? Certainly not! For if there had

been a law given which could have

13 Christ has redeemed us from the

given life, truly righteousness would

curse of the law, having become a curse have been by the law.

for us (for it is written, "Cursed is 2 But the Scripture has confined all everyone who hangs on a tree"), 2

under sin, that the promise by faith in

14 hat the blessing of Abraham might Jesus Christ might be given to those

come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, who believe. that we might receive the promise of the

Spirit through faith. 2 3 But before faith came, we were kept

under guard by the law, kept for the faith

15 Brethren, I speak in the manner of which would afterward be revealed. men: Though it is only a man's covenant,

yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or 2 4

Therefore the law was our tutor to

adds to it. bring us to Christ, that we might be

justified by faith.

16

Now to Abraham and his Seed were

2 5

the promises made. He does not say, But after faith has come, we are no

"And to seeds," as of many, but as of longer under a tutor. one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

2 6For you are all sons of God through

17And this I say, that the law, which was

faith in Christ Jesus.

four hundred and thirty years later,

cannot annul the covenant that was 2 7For as many of you as were baptized confirmed before by God in Christ, that it into Christ have put on Christ. should make the promise of no effect.

2 8

1 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there 8For if the inheritance is of the law, it is

is neither slave nor free, there is neither

no longer of promise; but God gave it to male nor female; for you are all one in

Abraham by promise. Christ Jesus.

19What purpose then does the law if you are Christ's, then you are

2 ' And

serve? It was added because of Abraham's seed, and heirs according to transgressions, till the Seed should the promise.

1 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored

4 Now I say that the heir, as long as he for you in vain.

is a child, does not differ at all from a 1 2 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, slave, though he is master of all,

for I became like you. You have not

2 injured me at all.

but is under guardians and stewards

until the time appointed by the father. 1 3 You know that because of physical

3 Even so we, when we were children, infirmity I preached the gospel to you at

the first.

were in bondage under the elements of

the world. 1 4 And my trial which was in my flesh you 4 did not despise or reject, but you

But when the fullness of the time had

received me as an angel of God, even

come, God sent forth His Son, born of a

woman, born under the law, as Christ Jesus.

1 5 What then was the blessing you

sto redeem those who were under the

enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if

law, that we might receive the adoption

as sons. possible, you would have plucked out

your own eyes and given them to me.

6And because you are sons, God has 6Have I therefore become your enemy

1

sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your

hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" because I tell you the truth?

1 7

7 They zealously court you, but for no

Therefore you are no longer a slave but

good; yes, they want to exclude you,

a son, and if a son, then an heir of God

through Christ. that you may be zealous for them.

18But it is good to be zealous in a good

8But then, indeed, when you did not

know God, you served those which by thing always, and not only when I am

nature are not gods. present with you.

1 ' My little children, for whom I labor in

'But now after you have known God, or

birth again until Christ is formed in you,

rather are known by God, how is it that

you turn again to the weak and beggarly 2 0a would like to be present
with you now elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?
and to change my tone; for I have

doubts about you.

10 You observe days and months and 2

seasons and years. Tell me, you who desire to be under 1

the law, do you not hear the law?

22

For it is written that Abraham had two

sons: the one by a bondwoman, the 5Stand fast therefore in the liberty
by

other by a freewoman.

which Christ has made us free, and do

2 not be entangled again with a yoke of 3 But he who was of the
bondwoman bondage.

was born according to the flesh, and he

of the freewoman through promise, 2

Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you

2 become circumcised, Christ will profit 4 which things are symbolic.
For these you nothing.

are the two covenants: the one from

Mount Sinai which gives birth to 3And I testify again to every man
who

bondage, which is Hagar--

becomes circumcised that he is a debtor

2 to keep the whole law. 5 or this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which 4

You have become estranged from
now is, and is in bondage with her

Christ, you who attempt to be justified
children--

by law; you have fallen from grace.

26but the Jerusalem above is free, which

5For we through the Spirit eagerly wait
is the mother of us all.

for the hope of righteousness by faith.

27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, 6 For in Christ Jesus neither
circumcision You who do not bear! Break forth and nor
uncircumcision avails anything, but

shout, You who are not in labor! For the

faith working through love.

desolate has many more children Than

she who has a husband." 7

You ran well. Who hindered you from

2 obeying the truth?

' Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are

children of promise. 8This persuasion does not come from

2 Him who calls you. '

But, as he who was born according to

the flesh then persecuted him who was 9

born according to the Spirit, even so it is A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

now. 1 0a have confidence in you, in the Lord,

30Nevertheless what does the Scripture that you will have no other mind; but he

who troubles you shall bear his

say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her

son, for the son of the bondwoman shall judgment, whoever he is.

not be heir with the son of the 11And I, brethren, if I still preach freewoman."

circumcision, why do I still suffer

31 persecution? Then the offense of the So then, brethren, we are not children

of the bondwoman but of the free. cross has ceased.

1 2 2 could wish that those who trouble you 2

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,

would even cut themselves off! peace, longsuffering, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness,

13For you, brethren, have been called to

liberty; only do not use liberty as an 2 3gentleness, self-control.

Against such opportunity for the flesh, but through there is no law. love serve one another.

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, crucified the flesh with its passions and

even in this: "You shall love your desires. neighbor as yourself."

2 5 we live in the Spirit, let us also walk

15 But if you bite and devour one another, in the Spirit. beware lest you be consumed by one

another! 2 6Let us not become conceited,

provoking one another, envying one

16a say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you another. shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

17For the flesh lusts against the Spirit,

6Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any

and the Spirit against the flesh; and trespass, you who are spiritual restore

these are contrary to one another, so such a one in a spirit of gentleness,

that you do not do the things that you

considering yourself lest you also be

wish. tempted.

1' But if you are led by the Spirit, you are Bear one another's burdens, and so

not under the law. fulfill the law of Christ.

¹9 Now the works of the flesh are evident, ³For if anyone thinks himself to be

which are: adultery, fornication, something, when he is nothing, he uncleanness, lewdness, deceives himself.

²0 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, ⁴ But let each one examine his own work, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish and then he will have rejoicing in himself

ambitions, dissensions, heresies, alone, and not in another.

²1 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, ⁵ For each one shall bear his own load. and the like; of which I tell you

beforehand, just as I also told you in ⁶Let him who is taught the word share in

time past, that those who practice such

all good things with him who teaches.

things will not inherit the kingdom of

God.

⁷ ¹ Do not be deceived, God is not ³For not even those who are mocked; for whatever a man sows, that circumcised keep the law, but they

he will also reap. desire to have you circumcised that they

may boast in your flesh.

⁸For he who sows to his flesh will of the

¹ 4

flesh reap corruption, but he who sows But God forbid that I should boast

to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap except in the cross of our Lord Jesus

everlasting life. Christ, by whom the world has been

crucified to me, and I to the world.

'And let us not grow weary while doing 5For in Christ Jesus neither

good, for in due season we shall reap if 1

we do not lose heart. circumcision nor uncircumcision avails

anything, but a new creation.

10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let

us do good to all, especially to those 1 6And as many as walk
according to this who are of the household of faith. rule, peace and
mercy be upon them,

and upon the Israel of God.

11

See with what large letters I have

17

written to you with my own hand! From now on let no one trouble
me, for

I bear in my body the marks of the Lord

12 Jesus.

As many as desire to make a good

showing in the flesh, these would

compel you to be circumcised, only that 18Brethren, the grace of our
Lord Jesus they may not suffer persecution for the Christ be with your
spirit. Amen. cross of Christ.

1st Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth

10

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you

1 all speak the same thing, and that there Paul, called to be an apostle
of Jesus

be no divisions among you, but that you
Christ through the will of God, and be perfectly joined together in the
same

Sosthenes our brother, mind and in the same judgment.

2To the church of God which is at 1

1 For it has been declared to me

Corinth, to those who are sanctified in concerning you, my brethren,
by those

Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all of Chloe's household, that
there are

who in every place call on the name of contentions among you. Jesus
Christ our Lord, both theirs and

ours: 12Now I say this, that each of you says,

3Grace to you and peace from God our "I am of Paul," or "I am of
Apollos," or "I

am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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4 s Christ divided? Was Paul crucified

1 thank my God always concerning you

for you? Or were you baptized in the

for the grace of God which was given to

name of Paul?

you by Christ Jesus,

14a thank God that I baptized none of you

that you were enriched in everything by except Crispus and Gaius,
Him in all utterance and all knowledge,

1 5 est anyone should say that I had

even as the testimony of Christ was baptized in my own name.
confirmed in you,

1 6 es, I also baptized the household of

7so that you come short in no gift,

Stephanas. Besides, I do not know

eagerly waiting for the revelation of our

whether I baptized any other.

Lord Jesus Christ,

1 7For Christ did not send me to baptize,

swho will also confirm you to the end,

but to preach the gospel, not with

that you may be blameless in the day of

wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ

our Lord Jesus Christ.

should be made of no effect.

God is faithful, by whom you were ¹

¹ For the message of the cross is

called into the fellowship of His Son,

foolishness to those who are perishing,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

but to us who are being saved it is the

power of God.

¹⁹For it is written: "I will destroy the

chosen, and the things which are not, to

wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing bring to nothing the things
that are, the understanding of the prudent."

² ' that no flesh should glory in His

²⁰

Where is the wise? Where is the presence.

scribe? Where is the disputer of this

age? Has not God made foolish the ³⁰ But of Him you are in Christ
Jesus, wisdom of this world? who became for us wisdom from God--

² and redemption--

¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the and righteousness and
sanctification

world through wisdom did not know God,

it pleased God through the foolishness ³¹ that, as it is written, "He
who glories, of the message preached to save those let him glory in
the LORD." who believe.

²²For Jews request a sign, and Greeks ² And I, brethren, when I came

to you, seek after wisdom;

did not come with excellence of speech

2 or of wisdom declaring to you the 3but we preach Christ crucified, to the

testimony of God.

Jews a stumbling block and to the

Greeks foolishness, 2

For I determined not to know anything

2 among you except Jesus Christ and Him 4

but to those who are called, both Jews crucified.

and Greeks, Christ the power of God

and the wisdom of God. Al was with you in weakness, in fear, and

2 in much trembling. 5Because the foolishness of God is

God is stronger than men. And my speech and my preaching were wiser than men, and the weakness of 4

not with persuasive words of human

2 wisdom, but in demonstration of the 6For you see your calling, brethren, that

Spirit and of power,

not many wise according to the flesh,

not many mighty, not many noble, are s that your faith should not be in the called. wisdom of men but in the power of God.

27But God has chosen the foolish things 6

of the world to put to shame the wise, However, we speak wisdom among

and God has chosen the weak things of those who are mature, yet not the

the world to put to shame the things wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of

this age, who are coming to nothing.

which are mighty;

2' and the base things of the world and

the things which are despised God has 7 1 But we speak the wisdom of God in a 6 For "who has known the mind of the mystery, the hidden wisdom which God LORD that he may instruct Him?" But

ordained before the ages for our glory, we have the mind of Christ.

8 which none of the rulers of this age

knew; for had they known, they would 3 And I, brethren, could not speak to

not have crucified the Lord of glory.

you as to spiritual people but as to

carnal, as to babes in Christ.

'But as it is written: "Eye has not seen,

nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the 2

1 fed you with milk and not with solid

heart of man The things which God has

food; for until now you were not able to

prepared for those who love Him."

receive it, and even now you are still not

1 able; 0 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the

Spirit 3

for you are still carnal. For where there
searches all things, yes, the deep things
are envy, strife, and divisions among
of God.

you, are you not carnal and behaving
1 like mere men? 1 For what man knows the things of a man except
the spirit of the man which 4

For when one says, "I am of Paul," and
is in him? Even so no one knows the
another, "I am of Apollos," are you not
things of God except the Spirit of God.
carnal?

12
Now we have received, not the spirit of 5
Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos,
the world, but the Spirit who is from God,
but ministers through whom you
that we might know the things that have
believed, as the Lord gave to each one?
been freely given to us by God.

1 I I planted, Apollos watered, but God 3 These things we also speak,
not in
words which man's wisdom teaches but gave the increase. which the
Holy Spirit teaches, 7

comparing spiritual things with spiritual. So then neither he who plants is

anything, nor he who waters, but God

14 who gives the increase.

But the natural man does not receive

the things of the Spirit of God, for they

are foolishness to him; nor can he know Now he who plants and he who waters

them, because they are spiritually are one, and each one will receive his

discerned. own reward according to his own labor.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things,

For we are God's fellow workers; you

yet he himself is rightly judged by no one are God's field, you are God's building.

one.

12 0 According to the grace of God which 0 and again, "The LORD knows the was given to me, as a wise master thoughts of the wise, that they are

builder I have laid the foundation, and futile." another builds on it. But let each one

take heed how he builds on it. 2 1 Therefore let no one boast in men. For

all things are yours:

11

For no other foundation can anyone

lay than that which is laid, which is 2 2 whether Paul or Apollos or

Cephas, or Jesus Christ. the world or life or death, or things

1

2Now if anyone builds on this present or things to come--all are yours.

foundation with gold, silver, precious 2 3And you are Christ's, and
Christ is stones, wood, hay, straw, God's.

13 each one's

work will become clear; for

the Day will declare it, because it will be 4Let a man so consider us, as
revealed by fire; and the fire will test

servants of Christ and stewards of the

each one's work, of what sort it is.

mysteries of God.

14 anyone's work which he has built on

2 Moreover it is required in stewards that

it endures, he will receive a reward.

one be found faithful.

15 anyone's work is burned, he will

suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, 3But with me it is a very
small thing that I

should be judged by you or by a human

yet so as through fire.

court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

16 Do you not know that you are the 4

temple of God and that the Spirit of God For I know of nothing against
myself,

dwells in you? yet I am not justified by this; but He who

judges me is the Lord.

17 anyone defiles the temple of God,

God will destroy him. For the temple of 5Therefore judge nothing
before the time,

God is holy, which temple you are. until the Lord comes, who will
both bring

to light the hidden things of darkness

1 and reveal the counsels of the hearts. 8Let no one deceive himself. If
anyone

Then each one's praise will come from

among you seems to be wise in this age, God. let him become a fool
that he may

become wise. 6

Now these things, brethren, I have

1 figuratively transferred to myself and ' For

the wisdom of this world is Apollos for your sakes, that you may
foolishness with God. For it is written,

learn in us not to think beyond what is

"He catches the wise in their own

written, that none of you may be puffed
craftiness";

up on behalf of one against the other.

7 1 For who makes you differ from 6Therefore I urge you, imitate me.
another? And what do you have that you

did not receive? Now if you did indeed 17

For this reason I have sent Timothy to

receive it, why do you boast as if you you, who is my beloved and faithful son

had not received it? in the Lord, who will remind you of my

ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in

8You are already full! You are already every church. rich! You have reigned as kings without

us--and indeed I could wish you did 1 8

Now some are puffed up, as though I

reign, that we also might reign with you! were not coming to you.

For I think that God has displayed us, 1 ' But I will come to you shortly, if the

the apostles, last, as men condemned to Lord wills, and I will know, not the word

death; for we have been made a of those who are puffed up, but the spectacle to the world, both to angels power. and to men.

20For the kingdom of God is not in word

10

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you but in power.

are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you

are strong! You are distinguished, but 2 1What do you want? Shall I come to we are dishonored! you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of

1 gentleness? 1To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we are poorly clothed,

and beaten, and homeless.

5It is actually reported that there is

12And we labor, working with our own

sexual immorality among you, and such

sexual immorality as is not even named

hands. Being reviled, we bless; being

among the Gentiles--that a man has his

persecuted, we endure;

father's wife!

13 being defamed, we entreat. We have 2

And you are puffed up, and have not

been made as the filth of the world, the

rather mourned, that he who has done

offscouring of all things until now.

this deed might be taken away from

1 among you. 4a do not write these things to shame

you, but as my beloved children I warn 3For I indeed, as absent in
body but you. present in spirit, have already judged

1 (as though I were present) him who has 5For though you might have
ten

so done this deed.

thousand instructors in Christ, yet you

do not have many fathers; for in Christ 4

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Jesus I have begotten you through the

when you are gathered together, along

gospel.

with my spirit, with the power of our Lord ¹³But those who are outside God judges. Jesus Christ, Therefore "put away from yourselves the

evil person."

deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit

may be saved in the day of the Lord ⁶Dare any of you, having a matter Jesus.

against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

⁶Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the ²

Do you not know that the saints will whole lump?

judge the world? And if the world will be ⁷ judged by you, are you unworthy to Therefore purge out the old leaven, that judge the smallest matters? you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our ³

Do you not know that we shall judge Passover, was sacrificed for us.

angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?

"Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice ⁴

If then you have judgments concerning
and wickedness, but with the
things pertaining to this life, do you
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

appoint those who are least esteemed
by the church to judge?

I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep
company with sexually immoral people. ⁵

I say this to your shame. Is it so, that

¹ there is not a wise man among you, not ⁰ Yet I certainly did not
mean with the even one, who will be able to judge

sexually immoral people of this world, or between his brethren? with
the covetous, or extortioners, or

idolaters, since then you would need to ⁶But brother goes to law
against brother,

go out of the world.

and that before unbelievers!

¹¹But now I have written to you not to

⁷Now therefore, it is already an utter
keep company with anyone named a

failure for you that you go to law against
brother, who is sexually immoral, or

covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a accept wrong? Why do
you not rather let one another. Why do you not rather

drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to yourselves be cheated? eat with such a person.

1 For what have I to do with judging

2 8No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat,

and you do these things to your

those also who are outside? Do you not

brethren!

judge those who are inside?

'Do you not know that the unrighteous

will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither
fornicators, nor who commits sexual immorality sins

idolaters, nor adulterers, nor against his own body. homosexuals, nor
sodomites,

1' Or do you not know that your body is

10

nor thieves, nor covetous, nor the temple of the Holy Spirit who is
in

drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners you, whom you have from
God, and you

will inherit the kingdom of God. are not your own?

1 2 10

And such were some of you. But you For you were bought at a
price;

were washed, but you were sanctified, therefore glorify God in your
body and in

but you were justified in the name of the your spirit, which are God's.
Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

12All things are lawful for me, but all

7Now concerning the things of which

things are not helpful. All things are you wrote to me: It is good for a man not

lawful for me, but I will not be brought

to touch a woman.

under the power of any.

1

3Foods for the stomach and the 2 Nevertheless, because of sexual

immorality, let each man have his own

stomach for foods, but God will destroy

wife, and let each woman have her own

both it and them. Now the body is not for

husband.

sexual immorality but for the Lord, and

the Lord for the body. 3Let the husband render to his wife the

1 affection due her, and likewise also the 4

And God both raised up the Lord and

wife to her husband.

will also raise us up by His power.

1 Do you not know that your bodies are her own body, but the husband does.

5 4 The wife does not have authority over

members of Christ? Shall I then take the And likewise the husband does not have

members of Christ and make them authority over his own body, but the wife

members of a harlot? Certainly not! does.

16 Or do you not know that he who is 5Do not deprive one another except with joined to a harlot is one body with her? consent for a time, that you may give

For "the two," He says, "shall become yourselves to fasting and prayer; and

one flesh." come together again so that Satan does

1 not tempt you because of your lack of 7 But he who is joined to the Lord is one self-control.

spirit with Him.

1 6But I say this as a concession, not as a

' Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that commandment.

a man does is outside the body, but he 7 1 For I wish that all men were even as I 6For how do you know, O wife, whether myself. But each one has his own gift you will save your husband? Or how do

from God, one in this manner and you know, O husband, whether you will

another in that. save your wife?

8 1 7

But I say to the unmarried and to the But as God has distributed to each

widows: It is good for them if they one, as the Lord has called each one,

remain even as I am; so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

'but if they cannot exercise self-control, 8Was anyone called while circumcised?

let them marry. For it is better to marry 1

than to burn with passion. Let him not become uncircumcised.

Was anyone called while

10Now to the married I command, yet not uncircumcised? Let him not be

I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart circumcised. from her husband.

1' Circumcision is nothing and

11 uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping

But even if she does depart, let her

remain unmarried or be reconciled to the commandments of God is what

her husband. And a husband is not to matters.

divorce his wife. 0Let each one remain in the same

2

12 calling in which he was called.

But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not

believe, and she is willing to live with Were you called while a slave?
Do not

him, let him not divorce her. be concerned about it; but if you can be
made free, rather use it.

13

And a woman who has a husband who 2For he who is called in the
Lord while

does not believe, if he is willing to live 2

with her, let her not divorce him. a slave is the Lord's freedman.
Likewise

he who is called while free is Christ's

14For the unbelieving husband is

slave.

sanctified by the wife, and the 3 ou were bought at a price; do not

unbelieving wife is sanctified by the 2

husband; otherwise your children would become slaves of men. be
unclean, but now they are holy.

24Brethren, let each one remain with

15But if the unbeliever departs, let him

God in that state in which he was called.

depart; a brother or a sister is not under

bondage in such cases. But God has 2 5Now concerning virgins: I have
no called us to peace. commandment from the Lord; yet I give

judgment as one whom the Lord in His

mercy has made trustworthy.

26 suppose therefore that this is good 35And this I say for your own

profit, not

because of the present distress--that it that I may put a leash on you,
but for

is good for a man to remain as he is: what is proper, and that you may
serve

the Lord without distraction.

27

Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek

36

to be loosed. Are you loosed from a But if any man thinks he is
behaving

wife? Do not seek a wife. improperly toward his virgin, if she is

past the flower of youth, and thus it must

2 be, let him do what he wishes. He does ' But even if you do marry,
you have not

sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sin; let them marry. not
sinned. Nevertheless such will have

37

trouble in the flesh, but I would spare Nevertheless he who stands
steadfast you. in his heart, having no necessity, but

has power over his own will, and has so

2 determined in his heart that he will keep ' But this I say, brethren,
the time is

short, so that from now on even those his virgin, does well.

they had none, 38 So then he who gives her in marriage who have
wives should be as though

does well, but he who does not give her

30 those who weep as though they did in marriage does better. not
weep, those who rejoice as though

they did not rejoice, those who buy as 3' A wife is bound by law as
long as her

though they did not possess, husband lives; but if her husband dies,

she is at liberty to be married to whom

31 she wishes, only in the Lord. and those who use this world as not
misusing it. For the form of this world is

passing away. 4 0But she is happier if she remains as

she is, according to my judgment--and I

32But I want you to be without care. He think I also have the Spirit of
God. who is unmarried cares for the things of

the Lord--how he may please the Lord.

33But he who is married cares about the idols: We know that we all
have 8Now concerning things offered to

things of the world--how he may please knowledge. Knowledge puffs
up, but

his wife. love edifies.

3 2 4 There is a difference between a wife And if anyone thinks that he
knows and a virgin. The unmarried woman anything, he knows
nothing yet as he

cares about the things of the Lord, that ought to know. she may be
holy both in body and in

spirit. But she who is married cares 3But if anyone loves God, this one
is

about the things of the world--how she

known by Him.

may please her husband.

41 Therefore concerning the eating of 3Therefore, if food makes my brother things offered to idols, we know that an stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest

idol is nothing in the world, and that I make my brother stumble.
there is no other God but one.

5For even if there are so-called gods, 9Am I not an apostle? Am I not free?

whether in heaven or on earth (as there Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?

are many gods and many lords), Are you not my work in the Lord?

6yet for us there is one God, the Father, If I am not an apostle to others, yet

2

of whom are all things, and we for Him; doubtless I am to you. For you are the

and one Lord Jesus Christ, through seal of my apostleship in the Lord.
whom are all things, and through whom

we live. 3

My defense to those who examine me

7 is this:

However, there is not in everyone that

knowledge; for some, with 4

Do we have no right to eat and drink?

consciousness of the idol, until now eat

it as a thing offered to an idol; and their ⁵ Do we have no right to take along a conscience, being weak, is defiled.

believing wife, as do also the other

⁸ apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and But food does not commend us to God;

for neither if we eat are we the better, Cephas?

nor if we do not eat are we the worse. ⁶ Or is it only Barnabas and I who have

'But beware lest somehow this liberty of no right to refrain from working?

yours become a stumbling block to ⁷Who ever goes to war at his own those who are weak.

expense? Who plants a vineyard and

¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have

does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a

knowledge eating in an idol's flock and does not drink of the milk of

temple, will

the flock?

not the conscience of him who is weak

be emboldened to eat those things ⁸Do I say these things as a mere man? offered to idols?

Or does not the law say the same also?

¹¹

And because of your knowledge shall

the weak brother perish, for whom 'For it is written in the law of Moses,

Christ died? "You shall not muzzle an ox while it

treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is

12 concerned about?

But when you thus sin against the

brethren, and wound their weak 10Or does He say it altogether for our conscience, you sin against Christ.

sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows should plow may not abuse my authority in the

in hope, and he who threshes in hope gospel. should be partaker of his hope.

1 have made myself a servant to all, that I

1 we have sown spiritual things for you, 1' For though I am free from all men, I

is it a great thing if we reap your might win the more; material things?

2 0

1 that I might win Jews; to those who are

2 others are partakers of this right over and to the Jews I became as a Jew,

you, are we not even more? under the law, as under the law, that I Nevertheless we have not used this might win those who are under the law;

right, but endure all things lest we hinder

the gospel of Christ. 2 1

to those who are without law, as

¹ toward God, but under law toward

3 Do you not know that those who without law (not being without law
minister the holy things eat of the things Christ), that I might win
those who are

of the temple, and those who serve at without law; the altar partake of
the offerings of the

altar? ² 2

to the weak I became as weak, that I
might win the weak. I have become all

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Even so the Lord has commanded that things to all men, that I
might by all

those who preach the gospel should live means save some. from the
gospel.

² 3

Now this I do for the gospel's sake,

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But I have used none of these things, that I may be partaker of it
with you.

nor have I written these things that it

should be done so to me; for it would be ² 4

Do you not know that those who run in
better for me to die than that anyone a race all run, but one receives
the

should make my boasting void. prize? Run in such a way that you
may

6For if I preach the gospel, I have obtain it.

nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid 2 5And everyone who competes for the upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not prize is temperate in all things. Now they

preach the gospel! do it to obtain a perishable crown, but

we for an imperishable crown.

17

For if I do this willingly, I have a

reward; but if against my will, I have 26Therefore I run thus: not with been entrusted with a stewardship. uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who

beats the air.

1' What is my reward then? That when I

preach the gospel, I may present the 2 7

But I discipline my body and bring it

gospel of Christ without charge, that I into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should 1 0nor complain, as some of them also become disqualified. complained, and were destroyed by the

destroyer.

1 Now all these things happened to 1 1

OMoreover, brethren, I do not want

them as examples, and they were

you to be unaware that all our fathers

written for our admonition, upon whom

were under the cloud, all passed

the ends of the ages have come.

through the sea,

21 2Therefore let him who thinks he stands

all were baptized into Moses in the

take heed lest he fall.

cloud and in the sea,

C 13No temptation has overtaken you all ate the same spiritual food,
except such as is common to man; but

4 God is faithful, who will not allow you to

and all drank the same spiritual drink. be tempted beyond what you
are able,

For they drank of that spiritual Rock that but with the temptation will
also make

followed them, and that Rock was Christ. the way of escape, that you
may be able

to bear it.

5But with most of them God was not well

pleased, for their bodies were scattered 14Therefore, my beloved, flee
from in the wilderness. idolatry.

6Now these things became our 1 5a speak as to wise men; judge for
examples, to the intent that we should yourselves what I say. not lust
after evil things as they also

lusted. 1 6The cup of blessing which we bless, is 7 it not the
communion of the blood of

And do not become idolaters as were Christ? The bread which we

break, is it

some of them. As it is written, "The not the communion of the body of people sat down to eat and drink, and Christ? rose up to play."

17For we, though many, are one bread

8Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as and one body; for we all partake of that

some of them did, and in one day one bread. twenty-three thousand fell;

1 8observe Israel after the flesh: Are not

'nor let us tempt Christ, as some of those who eat of the sacrifices partakers

them also tempted, and were destroyed of the altar? by serpents;

1' What am I saying then? That an idol is
anything, or what is offered to idols is
anything?

20Rather, that the things which the 30But if I partake with thanks,
why am I

Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to evil spoken of for the food over
which I

demons and not to God, and I do not give thanks? want you to have
fellowship with

demons. 3 1Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or

whatever you do, do all to the glory of

21

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord God.
and the cup of demons; you cannot
partake of the Lord's table and of the 32

Give no offense, either to the Jews or

table of demons. to the Greeks or to the church of God,

22 Adj Or do we provoke the Lord to us as I also please all men in all jealousy? Are we stronger than He? things, not seeking my own profit, but

2 saved.

3All things are lawful for me, but not all the profit of many, that they may be

things are helpful; all things are lawful

for me, but not all things edify.

2 1 1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate 4 Let no one seek his own, but each one Christ. the other's well-being.

2

5Eat whatever is sold in the meat 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that you

remember me in all things and keep the

market, asking no questions for

conscience' sake; traditions just as I delivered them to you.

fullness." 6F LORD's, or "the earth is the and all its every man is Christ, the head of woman 2 3But I want you to know that the head of

is man, and the head of Christ is God.

2 7 any of those who do not believe

4 Every man praying or prophesying,

invites you to dinner, and you desire to

having his head covered, dishonors his

go, eat whatever is set before you,

head.

asking no question for conscience' sake.

2

8But if anyone says to you, "This was sBut every woman who prays or

prophesies with her head uncovered

offered to idols," do not eat it for the dishonors her head, for that is one and

sake of the one who told you, and for the same as if her head were shaved.

conscience' sake; for "the earth is the

LORD's, and all its fullness." 6 For if a woman is not covered, let her

2 also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a "

Conscience," I say, not your own, but woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be

that of the other. For why is my liberty covered. judged by another man's conscience?

7 1 For a man indeed ought not to cover 8For first of all, when you come his head, since he is the image and together as a church, I hear that there

glory of God; but woman is the glory of are divisions among you, and in part I

man. believe it.

8 1 For man is not from woman, but woman ' For there must also be factions among from man. you, that those who are approved may

be recognized among you.

'Nor was man created for the woman,

but woman for the man. 2 0Therefore when you come together in

one place, it is not to eat the Lord's

10For this reason the woman ought to

Supper.

have a symbol of authority on her head, 1For in eating, each one takes his own

because of the angels. 2

supper ahead of others; and one is

11 hungry and another is drunk. Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman

independent of man, in the Lord. What! Do you not have houses to eat 22

and drink in? Or do you despise the

12For as woman came from man, even

church of God and shame those who

so man also comes through woman; but have nothing? What shall I say to you?

all things are from God. Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise you.

13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper 2

for a woman to pray to God with her For I received from the Lord that which 3

head uncovered? I also delivered to you: that the Lord

Jesus on the same night in which He

14 was betrayed took bread;

Does not even nature itself teach you

that if a man has long hair, it is a 2 4and when He had given thanks,
He dishonor to him?

broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My

1 body which is broken for you; do this in 5But if a woman has long
hair, it is a

remembrance of Me."

glory to her; for her hair is given to her

for a covering. 25 n the same manner He also took the 16 cup after
supper, saying, "This cup is

But if anyone seems to be contentious,

the new covenant in My blood. This do,

we have no such custom, nor do the

as often as you drink it, in remembrance

churches of God.

of Me."

17Now in giving these instructions I do 6For as often as you eat this
bread and

2

not praise you, since you come together drink this cup, you proclaim
the Lord's

not for the better but for the worse.

death till He comes.

27Therefore whoever eats this bread or 3Therefore I make known to you that no

drinks this cup of the Lord in an one speaking by the Spirit of God calls

unworthy manner will be guilty of the Jesus accursed, and no one can say

body and blood of the Lord. that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

2' But let a man examine himself, and so

let him eat of the bread and drink of the 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the cup. same Spirit.

2 5 ' For he who eats and drinks in an There are differences of ministries, but unworthy manner eats and drinks the same Lord. judgment to himself, not discerning the

Lord's body. 6 And there are diversities of activities,

30For this reason many are weak and but it is the same God who works all in

all.

sick among you, and many sleep.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is

31For if we would judge ourselves, we given to each one for the profit of all:

would not be judged.

8 for to one is given the word of wisdom

32But when we are judged, we are through the Spirit, to another the word of

chastened by the Lord, that we may not knowledge through the same Spirit, be condemned with the world.

'to another faith by the same Spirit, to

33Therefore, my brethren, when you another gifts of healings by the same come together to eat, wait for one Spirit, another.

10to another the working of miracles, to

34But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at another prophecy, to another discerning

home, lest you come together for of spirits, to another different kinds of

judgment. And the rest I will set in order tongues, to another the interpretation of

when I come. tongues.

1 1But one and the same Spirit works all

1 these things, distributing to each one 2Now concerning spiritual gifts,

brethren, I do not want you to be individually as He wills.

ignorant: 1 2For as the body is one and has many

2 members, but all the members of that You know that you were Gentiles,

one body, being many, are one body, so carried away to these dumb idols,

also is Christ.

however you were led.

13For by one Spirit we were all baptized

unpresentable parts have greater

into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, modesty, whether slaves or free--and have all

been made to drink into one Spirit. 2 4

but our presentable parts have no
need. But God composed the body,

14

For in fact the body is not one member having given greater honor to that part

but many. which lacks it,

1 2 5 5 the foot should say, "Because I am that there should be no schism in the not a hand, I am not of the body," is it body, but that the members should have

therefore not of the body? the same care for one another.

1 2 66

And if the ear should say, "Because I And if one member suffers, all the

am not an eye, I am not of the body," is members suffer with it; or if one member

it therefore not of the body? is honored, all the members rejoice with

17) the whole body were an eye, where

27

would be the hearing? If the whole were Now you are the body of Christ, and

hearing, where would be the smelling? members individually.

1 2 ' But now God has set the members, 8And God has appointed these in the each one of them, in the body just as He church: first apostles, second prophets,

pleased. third teachers, after that miracles, then

gifts of healings, helps, administrations,

1 varieties of tongues. ' And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

2 ' Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are

20But now indeed there are many

all teachers? Are all workers of

members, yet one body. miracles?

21 30Do all have gifts of healings? Do all

And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I

have no need of you"; nor again the speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

head to the feet, "I have no need of 31But earnestly desire the best gifts. And

you."

yet I show you a more excellent way.

22

No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are

necessary. 1 3Though I speak with the tongues

2 of men and of angels, but have not love, 3And those members of the body which

I have become sounding brass or a

we think to be less honorable, on these clanging cymbal. we bestow greater honor; and our 2And though I have the gift of prophecy, but then I shall know just as I also am

and understand all mysteries and all known. knowledge, and though I have all faith,

so that I could remove mountains, but 13And now abide faith, hope, love, these have not love, I am nothing. three; but the greatest of these is love.

3

And though I bestow all my goods to

feed the poor, and though I give my 1 4Pursue love, and desire spiritual body to be burned, but have not love, it

profits me nothing. gifts, but especially that you may

prophecy.

4Love suffers long and is kind; love does

2 For he who speaks in a tongue does

not envy; love does not parade itself, is

not puffed up; not speak to men but to God, for no one

understands him; however, in the spirit

s he speaks mysteries.

does not behave rudely, does not seek

its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 3But he who prophesies speaks

in the truth; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices to men. 6

edification and exhortation and comfort

4He who speaks in a tongue edifies

7bears all things, believes all things,

himself, but he who prophesies edifies

hopes all things, endures all things.

the church.

Love never fails. But whether there are 5

1 I wish you all spoke with tongues, but

prophesies, they will fail; whether there

even more that you prophesied; for he

are tongues, they will cease; whether

who prophesies is greater than he who

there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

speaks with tongues, unless indeed he

interprets, that the church may receive

'For we know in part and we prophesy edification. in part.

1 6But now, brethren, if I come to you 0 But when that which is perfect has speaking with tongues, what shall I profit

come, then that which is in part will be you unless I speak to you either by

done away. revelation, by knowledge, by

prophesying, or by teaching?

11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child,

I understood as a child, I thought as a 7Even things without life,
whether flute child; but when I became a man, I put or harp, when
they make a sound,

away childish things. unless they make a distinction in the

sounds, how will it be known what is

12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but piped or played?

then face to face. Now I know in part, 8 1 For if the trumpet makes an
uncertain 8 thank my God I speak with tongues sound, who will
prepare for battle? more than you all;

'So likewise you, unless you utter by the 1' yet in the church I would
rather speak tongue words easy to understand, how five words with
my understanding, that I

will it be known what is spoken? For you may teach others also, than
ten

will be speaking into the air. thousand words in a tongue.

1 2 0 0Brethren, do not be children in

There are, it may be, so many kinds of

languages in the world, and none of understanding; however, in
malice be

them is without significance. babes, but in understanding be mature.

1 2 1 Therefore, if I do not know the 1 n the law it is written: "With
men of meaning of the language, I shall be a other tongues and other
lips I will speak

foreigner to him who speaks, and he to this people; And yet, for all
that, they

who speaks will be a foreigner to me. will not hear Me," says the Lord.

1 2 22Therefore tongues are for a sign, not

Even so you, since you are zealous for
spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification to those who believe but to
unbelievers;

of the church that you seek to excel. but prophesying is not for
unbelievers

but for those who believe.

13Therefore let him who speaks in a

tongue pray that he may interpret. 23Therefore if the whole church
comes

together in one place, and all speak with

14 tongues, and there come in those who

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit
prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. are uninformed or
unbelievers, will they

not say that you are out of your mind?

15What is the conclusion then? I will pray

2 4But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever
with the spirit, and I will also pray with

the understanding. I will sing with the or an uninformed person
comes in, he is

spirit, and I will also sing with the convinced by all, he is convicted by
all.

understanding. 5And thus the secrets of his heart are

160 therwise, if you bless with the spirit,

revealed; and so, falling down on his

how will he who occupies the place of face, he will worship God and report that

the uninformed say "Amen" at your God is truly among you.

giving of thanks, since he does not 6How is it then, brethren?
Whenever

understand what you say? 2

you come together, each of you has a

17For you indeed give thanks well, but

psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue,

the other is not edified. has a revelation, has an interpretation.

Let all things be done for edification.

2 7 anyone speaks in a tongue, let there 38But if anyone is ignorant,
let him be

be two or at the most three, each in turn, ignorant. and let one interpret.

2 But if there is no interpreter, let him to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak

8 3' Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly

keep silent in church, and let him speak with tongues. to himself and to God.

40Let all things be done decently and in

29Let two or three prophets speak, and

order.

let the others judge.

30But if anything is revealed to another 1 5Moreover, brethren, I
declare to who sits by, let the first keep silent.

you the gospel which I preached to you,

31 which also you received and in which For you can all prophesy one
by one, you stand,

that all may learn and all may be

encouraged. 2

by which also you are saved, if you

32And the spirits of the prophets are hold fast that word which I
preached to

you--unless you believed in vain.

subject to the prophets.

3For I delivered to you first of all that

33For God is not the author of confusion which I also received: that
Christ died

but of peace, as in all the churches of for our sins according to the
Scriptures,

the saints.

4 and that He was buried, and that He

34Let your women keep silent in the rose again the third day

according to the

churches, for they are not permitted to Scriptures, speak; but they are to be submissive, as

the law also says. s

and that He was seen by Cephas, then

35And if they want to learn something, let by the twelve.

them ask their own husbands at home; 6After that He was seen by over five

for it is shameful for women to speak in

hundred brethren at once, of whom the

church. greater part remain to the present, but

some have fallen asleep.

36

Or did the word of God come originally

from you? Or was it you only that it 7After that He was seen by James, then reached? by all the apostles.

37 anyone thinks himself to be a

8Then last of all He was seen by me

prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge also, as by one born out of due time.

that the things which I write to you are

the commandments of the Lord.

'For I am the least of the apostles, who 2 0But now Christ is risen from the dead, am not worthy to be called an apostle, and has become the firstfruits of those

because I persecuted the church of God. who have fallen asleep.

1 2 01

But by the grace of God I am what I For since by man came death,
by Man

am, and His grace toward me was not in also came the resurrection of
the dead.

vain; but I labored more abundantly than

they all, yet not I, but the grace of God 2 2For as in Adam all die, even
so in which was with me. Christ all shall be made alive.

1 2 1Therefore, whether it was I or they, so 3But each one in his own
order: Christ we preach and so you believed. the firstfruits, afterward
those who are

Christ's at His coming.

12Now if Christ is preached that He has

been raised from the dead, how do 2 4Then comes the end, when He
some among you say that there is no delivers the kingdom to God the
Father,

resurrection of the dead? when He puts an end to all rule and all

1

3But if there is no resurrection of the authority and power.

dead, then Christ is not risen. 2 5For He must reign till He has put all

enemies under His feet.

14

And if Christ is not risen, then our

preaching is empty and your faith is also 26The last enemy that will be
destroyed empty. is death.

1 2 5 Yes, and we are found false witnesses 7For "He has put all things under His of God, because we have testified of feet." But when He says "all things are

God that He raised up Christ, whom He put under Him," it is evident that He who

did not raise up--if in fact the dead do put all things under Him is excepted.

not rise.

2 8Now when all things are made subject

16For if the dead do not rise, then Christ

to Him, then the Son Himself will also be

is not risen. subject to Him who put all things under

1

7And if Christ is not risen, your faith is Him, that God may be all in all.

futile; you are still in your sins! 2 ' Otherwise, what will they do who are

1 rise at all? Why then are they baptized

8Then also those who have fallen baptized for the dead, if the dead do not

asleep in Christ have perished. for the dead?

1' If in this life only we have hope in 30And why do we stand in jeopardy

Christ, we are of all men the most every hour? pitiable.

31 affirm, by the boasting in you which I 42So also is the resurrection of the dead. have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. The body is sown in corruption, it is

raised in incorruption.

32 in the manner of men, I have fought

43

with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in

is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised

us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" in power.

33 44

Do not be deceived: "Evil company It is sown a natural body, it is raised a

corrupts good habits." spiritual body. There is a natural body,

and there is a spiritual body.

34Awake to righteousness, and do not 5 4 sin; for some do not have the knowledge And so it is written, "The first man of God. I speak this to your shame. Adam became a living being." The last

Adam became a life-giving spirit.

35But someone will say, "How are the

dead raised up? And with what body do 4 6However, the spiritual is not first, but they come?" the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

36Foolish one, what you sow is not made 4 7The first man was of the earth, 1made alive unless it dies. of dust; the second Man is the Lord from

heaven.

37

And what you sow, you do not sow

that body that shall be, but mere grain-- 4' As was the man of dust, so also are perhaps wheat or some other grain. those who are made of dust; and as is

the heavenly Man, so also are those

38But God gives it a body as He pleases, who are heavenly. and to each seed its own body.

4 ' And as we have borne the image of

39All flesh is not the same flesh, but

the man of dust, we shall also bear the

there is one kind of flesh of men, image of the heavenly Man.

another flesh of animals, another of fish, 50Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and

and another of birds.

blood cannot inherit the kingdom of

4 0 God; nor does corruption inherit

There are also celestial bodies and
terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the incorruption.

celestial is one, and the glory of the 1Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall

terrestrial is another. 5

not all sleep, but we shall all be

41There is one glory of the sun, another

changed--

glory of the moon, and another glory of 2 n a moment, in the

twinkling of an eye,

the stars; for one star differs from 5

another star in glory. at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound,
and the dead will be raised 4But if it is fitting that I go also, they will
incorruptible, and we shall be changed. go with me.

5 5 3For this corruptible must put on

Now I will come to you when I pass

incorruption, and this mortal must put on through Macedonia (for I
am passing

immortality. through Macedonia).

5 6 4

So when this corruptible has put on And it may be that I will
remain, or even

incorruption, and this mortal has put on spend the winter with you,
that you may

immortality, then shall be brought to send me on my journey,
wherever I go.

pass the saying that is written: "Death is

swallowed up in victory." 7For I do not wish to see you now on the

way; but I hope to stay a while with you,

55 O Death, where is your sting? O

if the Lord permits.

Hades, where is your victory?"

5 Pentecost.

6The sting of death is sin, and the 'But I will tarry in Ephesus until

strength of sin is the law.

'For a great and effective door has

57But thanks be to God, who gives us

opened to me, and there are many

the victory through our Lord Jesus adversaries. Christ.

1 0

And if Timothy comes, see that he

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be

may be with you without fear; for he

steadfast, immovable, always does the work of the Lord, as I also do.
abounding in the work of the Lord,

knowing that your labor is not in vain in 1 1Therefore let no one
despise him. But the Lord. send him on his journey in peace, that

he may come to me; for I am waiting for

him with the brethren.

1 6Now concerning the collection for

the saints, as I have given orders to the Now concerning our brother
Apollos, I 12

churches of Galatia, so you must do strongly urged him to come to
you with

also: the brethren, but he was quite unwilling

to come at this time; however, he will

2 come when he has a convenient time.

On the first day of the week let each

one of you lay something aside, storing 1 3Watch, stand fast in the
faith, be brave, up as he may prosper, that there be no collections

when I come. be strong.

3And when I come, whomever you ¹ 4Let all that you do be done with love.

approve by your letters I will send to

bear your gift to Jerusalem.

¹⁵ urge you, brethren--you know the

Lord, with the church that is in their

household of Stephanas, that it is the house. firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have

devoted themselves to the ministry of ² 0All the brethren greet you. Greet one the saints-- another with a holy kiss.

¹⁶ hat you also submit to such, and to ²¹ The salutation with my own hand--

everyone who works and labors with US. Paul's.

¹ ² 7a am glad about the coming of ² anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, Christ, let him be accursed. O Lord,

for what was lacking on your part they come! supplied.

² ³

¹ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

' For they refreshed my spirit and yours. with you.

Therefore acknowledge such men.

² ⁴

¹ My love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

' The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila Amen.

and Priscilla greet you heartily in the

2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth

beyond measure, above strength, so

that we despaired even of life.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by

the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ⁹Yes, we had the sentence of death in

To the church of God which is at Corinth, ourselves, that we should not trust in

with all the saints who are in all Achaia: ourselves but in God who raises the

dead,

²Grace to you and peace from God our O

¹ who delivered us from so great a

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

death, and does deliver us; in whom we

³Blessed be the God and Father of our trust that He will still deliver us,

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies ¹ by you also helping together in prayer for and God of all comfort, us, that thanks may be given by many ⁴ persons on our behalf for the gift

who comforts us in all our tribulation, granted to us through many.

that we may be able to comfort those

who are in any trouble, with the comfort ¹ ²For our boasting is this: the testimony with which we ourselves are comforted of our

conscience that we conducted by God. ourselves in the world in simplicity and 5 godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom

For as the sufferings of Christ abound but by the grace of God, and more

in us, so our consolation also abounds abundantly toward you. through Christ.

1 3For we are not writing any other things

6Now if we are afflicted, it is for your to you than what you read or understand.

consolation and salvation, which is Now I trust you will understand, even to

effective for enduring the same the end

sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we

are comforted, it is for your consolation 14(as also you have understood us in and salvation. part), that we are your boast as you also 7 are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

And our hope for you is steadfast,

because we know that as you are 15And in this confidence I intended to partakers of the sufferings, so also you

come to you before, that you might have

will partake of the consolation.

a second benefit--

'For we do not want you to be ignorant, 16to pass by way of you to Macedonia, brethren, of our trouble which came to to come again from Macedonia to you, us in Asia: that we were burdened and be helped by you on my way to 2For if I make you sorrowful, then who is Judea. he who makes me glad but the one who

is made sorrowful by me?

17Therefore, when I was planning this,

3

did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do And I wrote this very thing to you, lest,

I plan according to the flesh, that with when I came, I should have sorrow over

me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, those from whom I ought to have joy,

No? having confidence in you all that my joy

is the joy of you all.

18But as God is faithful, our word to you

was not Yes and No. 4 For out of much affliction and anguish

of heart I wrote to you, with many tears,

1 not that you should be grieved, but that ' For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who

was preached among you by us--by me, you might know the love which I have so

Silvanus, and Timothy--was not Yes and abundantly for you. No, but in Him was Yes.

5 But if anyone has caused grief, he has

20For all the promises of God in Him are

not grieved me, but all of you to some

Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of extent--not to be too severe.

God through us. 6This

punishment which was inflicted by

21 the majority is sufficient for such a man,

Now He who establishes us with you

in Christ and has anointed us is God,

7 so that, on the contrary, you ought

22 rather to forgive and comfort him, lest

who also has sealed us and given us

the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. perhaps such a one be
swallowed up

with too much sorrow.

23 Moreover I call God as witness against

my soul, that to spare you I came not 8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm
your

more to Corinth. love to him.

24 For to this end I also wrote, that I might

Not that we have dominion over your

faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; put you to the test, whether
you are

for by faith you stand. obedient in all things.

1 0 Now whom you forgive anything, I also

2 But I determined this within myself, forgive. For if indeed I have
forgiven

anything, I have forgiven that one for

that I would not come again to you in your sakes in the presence of
Christ, sorrow.

11 lest Satan should take advantage of

us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1 4 2 And we have such trust through Christ Furthermore, when I came

to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was toward God. opened
to me by the Lord,

1 to think of anything as being from

3 had no rest in my spirit, because I did 5Not that we are sufficient of
ourselves

not find Titus my brother; but taking my ourselves, but our sufficiency
is from

leave of them, I departed for Macedonia. God,

1 6 4

Now thanks be to God who always who also made us sufficient as
leads us in triumph in Christ, and ministers of the new covenant, not
of the

through us diffuses the fragrance of His letter but of the Spirit; for the
letter kills,

knowledge in every place. but the Spirit gives life.

1 7 5For we are to God the fragrance of

But if the ministry of death, written and
Christ among those who are being engraved on stones, was glorious,
so

saved and among those who are that the children of Israel could not
look

perishing. steadily at the face of Moses because of

the glory of his countenance, which

16To the one we are the aroma of death

glory was passing away,
leading to death, and to the other the

aroma of life leading to life. And who is show will the ministry of the Spirit not be sufficient for these things? more glorious?

17 For we are not, as so many, peddling 'For if the ministry of condemnation had

the word of God; but as of sincerity, but glory, the ministry of righteousness

as from God, we speak in the sight of exceeds much more in glory. God in Christ.

1 0

For even what was made glorious had
no glory in this respect, because of the

3Do we begin again to commend glory that excels.

ourselves? Or do we need, as some 1 1For if what is passing away was others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? glorious, what remains is much more

glorious.

2You are our epistle written in our hearts,

known and read by all men; Therefore, since we have such hope, 1 2

we use great boldness of speech--

3Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, 1 3

ministered by us, written not with ink but unlike Moses, who put a veil over his

by the Spirit of the living God, not on face so that the children of Israel could

tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, not look steadily at the end of what was

that is, of the heart. passing away.

154

But their minds were blinded. For until For we do not preach ourselves, but

this day the same veil remains unlifted Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves

in the reading of the Old Testament, your bondservants for Jesus' sake. because the veil is taken away in Christ.

6 For it is the God who commanded light

15

But even to this day, when Moses is to shine out of darkness, who has shone

read, a veil lies on their heart. in our hearts to give the light of the

knowledge of the glory of God in the

16 face of Jesus Christ.

Nevertheless when one turns to the

Lord, the veil is taken away.

7But we have this treasure in earthen

17Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where

vessels, that the excellence of the

the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. power may be of God and not of us.

18But we all, with unveiled face,

We are hard-pressed on every side, yet

beholding as in a mirror the glory of the not crushed; we are perplexed, but not

Lord, are being transformed into the in despair; same image from
glory to glory, just as

by the Spirit of the Lord. 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck

down, but not destroyed--

4Therefore, always carrying about in the body the 10

since we have this

ministry, as we have received mercy, we dying of the Lord Jesus,
that the life of

Jesus also may be manifested in our

do not lose heart.

body.

2But we have renounced the hidden 1

things of shame, not walking in 1 For we who live are always delivered
craftiness nor handling the word of God to death for Jesus' sake, that
the life of

deceitfully, but by manifestation of the Jesus also may be manifested
in our

truth commending ourselves to every mortal flesh.

man's conscience in the sight of God. 1 2So then death is working in
us, but life 3 in you.

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is

veiled to those who are perishing, 1 3And since we have the same
spirit of 4 faith, according to what is written, "I

whose minds the god of this age has

believed and therefore I spoke," we also

blinded, who do not believe, lest the

light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, believe and therefore speak,

who is the image of God, should shine ¹ 4knowing that He who raised
up the on them.

Lord Jesus will also raise us up with

Jesus, and will present us with you.

¹⁵For all things are for your sakes, that ⁶So we are always confident,
knowing

grace, having spread through the many, that while we are at home in
the body

may cause thanksgiving to abound to we are absent from the Lord. the
glory of God.

⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight.

¹⁶Therefore we do not lose heart. Even

though our outward man is perishing, ⁸We are confident, yes, well
pleased yet the inward man is being renewed rather to be absent from
the body and to

day by day. be present with the Lord.

¹⁷For our light affliction, which is but for

⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether

a moment, is working for us a far more present or absent, to be well
pleasing to

exceeding and eternal weight of glory, Him.

¹⁸while we do not look at the things ⁰For we must all appear before

the

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which are seen, but at the things which judgment seat of Christ, that each one

are not seen. For the things which are may receive the things done in the body,

seen are temporary, but the things according to what he has done, whether

which are not seen are eternal. good or bad.

11Knowing, therefore, the terror of the

5For we know that if our earthly house, Lord, we persuade men; but we are well

this tent, is destroyed, we have a known to God, and I also trust are well

building from God, a house not made known in your consciences. with hands, eternal in the heavens.

1 2

For we do not commend ourselves

2 again to you, but give you opportunity to For in this we groan, earnestly desiring

to be clothed with our habitation which is boast on our behalf, that you may have

from heaven, an answer for those who boast in

appearance and not in heart.

Gif indeed, having been clothed, we shall 1 3For if we are beside ourselves, it is for not be found naked.

God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for

4 you. For we who are in this tent groan, being

burdened, not because we want to be ¹ 4For the love of Christ compels us, unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. because we judge thus: that if One died

for all, then all died;

5Now He who has prepared us for this ⁵

very thing is God, who also has given us ¹ and He died for all, that those who live

the Spirit as a guarantee. should live no longer for themselves, but

for Him who died for them and rose

again.

¹⁶Therefore, from now on, we regard no ³We give no offense in anything, that our

one according to the flesh. Even though ministry may not be blamed. we have known Christ according to the

flesh, yet now we know Him thus no ⁴ But in all things we commend ourselves longer. as ministers of God: in much patience,

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⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

a new creation; old things have passed sin stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, away; behold, all things have become in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

new.

¹

⁸Now all things are of God, who has ⁶ by purity, by knowledge, by

longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy

reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Spirit, by sincere love, Christ,

and has given us the ministry of

reconciliation, ⁷

by the word of truth, by the power of

¹ God, by the armor of righteousness on ' that is, that God was in Christ the right hand and on the left,

reconciling the world to Himself, not

imputing their trespasses to them, and ⁸

by honor and dishonor, by evil report

has committed to us the word of

and good report; as deceivers, and yet

reconciliation.

true;

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for

Christ, as though God were pleading 'as unknown, and yet well known; as

through us: we implore you on Christ's dying, and behold we live; as chastened,

and yet not killed;

behalf, be reconciled to God.

² as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as

¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to ¹⁰

poor, yet making many rich; as having

be sin for us, that we might become the

nothing, and yet possessing all things.

righteousness of God in Him.

O Corinthians! We have spoken

openly to you, our heart is wide open.

6We then, as workers together with

Him also plead with you not to receive ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you the grace of God in vain. are restricted by your own affections.

²For He says: "In an acceptable time I ³

¹ Now in return for the same (I speak as

have heard you, And in the day of to children), you also be open. salvation I have helped you." Behold,

now is the accepted time; behold, now is ¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked together the day of salvation. with unbelievers. For what fellowship

has righteousness with lawlessness?

And what communion has light with ⁵For indeed, when we came to darkness? Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but

we were troubled on every side. Outside

¹⁵And what accord has Christ with

were conflicts, inside were fears.

Belial? Or what part has a believer with

an unbeliever? ⁶ Nevertheless God, who comforts the

downcast, comforted us by the coming

¹⁶ of Titus,

And what agreement has the temple of

God with idols? For you are the temple

of the living God. As God has said: "I will ⁷and not only by his coming,
but also by dwell in them And walk among them. I the consolation
with which he was

will be their God, And they shall be My comforted in you, when he
told us of

people." your earnest desire, your mourning,

your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even

¹⁷Therefore "Come out from among

more.

them And be separate, says the Lord.

Do not touch what is unclean, And I will ⁸For even if I made you sorry
with my receive you." letter, I do not regret it; though I did

regret it. For I perceive that the same

¹ epistle made you sorry, though only for ' I will be a Father to you,
And you shall

be My sons and daughters, Says the a while. LORD Almighty."

'Now I rejoice, not that you were made

sorry, but that your sorrow led to

⁷Therefore, having these promises, repentance. For you were made
sorry in

a godly manner, that you might suffer

beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from

loss from us in nothing.

all filthiness of the flesh and spirit,

perfecting holiness in the fear of God. ¹ ⁰For godly sorrow produces
repentance ² leading to salvation, not to be regretted;

Open your hearts to us. We have but the sorrow of the world produces

wronged no one, we have corrupted no death. one, we have cheated

no one.

I For observe this very thing, that you ¹¹

I do not say this to condemn; for I have

sorrowed in a godly manner: What

said before that you are in our hearts, to

diligence it produced in you, what

die together and to live together.

clearing of yourselves, what indignation,

⁴ what fear, what vehement desire, what

Great is my boldness of speech toward zeal, what vindication! In all things you

you, great is my boasting on your behalf. proved yourselves to be clear in this

I am filled with comfort. I am matter. exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

¹⁵ ²Therefore, although I wrote to you, I

And not only as we had hoped, but they

did not do it for the sake of him who had first gave themselves to the Lord, and

done the wrong, nor for the sake of him then to us by the will of God. who suffered wrong, but that our care

for you in the sight of God might appear ⁶ So we urged Titus, that as he had to you. begun, so he would also complete this

grace in you as well.

¹³Therefore we have been comforted in

your comfort. And we rejoiced ⁷But as you abound in everything--in exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all

because his spirit has been refreshed by diligence, and in your love for us--see

you all. that you abound in this grace also.

14 For if in anything I have boasted to him 8 I speak not by commandment, but I am about you, I am not ashamed. But as we testing the sincerity of your love by the

spoke all things to you in truth, even so diligence of others. our boasting to Titus was found true.

1 For you know the grace of our Lord 5 And his affections are greater for you Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, as he remembers the obedience of you yet for your sakes He became poor, that all, how with fear and trembling you you through His poverty might become received him. rich.

11 0 6Therefore I rejoice that I have And in this I give advice: It is to your confidence in you in everything. advantage not only to be doing what you

began and were desiring to do a year ago;

8Moreover, brethren, we make known

to you the grace of God bestowed on but now you also must complete the 1 1

the churches of Macedonia: doing of it; that as there was a readiness

to desire it, so there also may be a

2 completion out of what you have. that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep

poverty abounded in the riches of their For if there is first a willing

mind, it is

liberality. accepted according to what one has,

and not according to what he does not

3For I bear witness that according to have.

their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, 3For I do not mean that others should

they were freely willing, ¹

be eased and you burdened;

4implored us with much urgency that we

¹⁴

would receive the gift and the fellowship but by an equality, that now at this

of the ministering to the saints. time your abundance may supply their lack, that their abundance also may inquired about, they are messengers of

supply your lack--that there may be the churches, the glory of Christ. equality.

² 4Therefore show to them, and before

¹⁵

As it is written, "He who gathered the churches, the proof of your love and

much had nothing left over, and he who of our boasting on your behalf. gathered little had no lack."

¹⁶ But thanks be to God who puts the ⁹Now concerning the ministering to

same earnest care for you into the heart the saints, it is superfluous for

me to

of Titus. write to you;

¹⁷ For he not only accepted the ² for I know your willingness, about which exhortation, but being more diligent, he I boast of you to the Macedonians, that

went to you of his own accord. Achaia was ready a year ago; and your

¹ zeal has stirred up the majority. ⁸ And we have sent with him the brother

whose praise is in the gospel throughout ³ Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our all the churches, boasting of you should be in vain in this ¹ respect, that, as I said, you may be

⁹

and not only that, but who was also ready;

chosen by the churches to travel with us

with this gift, which is administered by ⁴

lest if some Macedonians come with us to the glory of the Lord Himself and

me and find you unprepared, we (not to show your ready mind, mention you!) should be ashamed of

²

Oavoiding this: that anyone should this confident boasting.

blame us in this lavish gift which is ⁵ Therefore I thought it necessary to administered by us--exhort the brethren to go to you ahead

2 of time, and prepare your generous gift 1 providing honorable things,
not only in

beforehand, which you had previously

the sight of the Lord, but also in the promised, that it may be ready as
a

sight of men. matter of generosity and not as a

grudging obligation.

22 And we have sent with them our

brother whom we have often proved 6 But this I say: He who sows
sparingly diligent in many things, but now much will also reap
sparingly, and he who

more diligent, because of the great sows bountifully will also reap
bountifully.

confidence which we have in you.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in

23 anyone inquires about Titus, he is

his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity;

my partner and fellow worker for God loves a cheerful giver.

concerning you. Or if our brethren are 8 2 And God is able to make all
grace But I beg you that when I am present I abound toward you, that
you, always may not be bold with that confidence by

having all sufficiency in all things, may which I intend to be bold
against some,

have an abundance for every good work. who think of us as if we
walked

according to the flesh.

'As it is written: "He has dispersed

abroad, He has given to the poor; His For though we walk in the flesh, we do righteousness endures forever." not war according to the flesh.

14 0 Now may He who supplies seed to the

For the weapons of our warfare are not

sower, and bread for food, supply and carnal but mighty in God for pulling

multiply the seed you have sown and down strongholds, increase the fruits of your righteousness,

s casting down arguments and every

11

while you are enriched in everything high thing that exalts itself against the

for all liberality, which causes knowledge of God, bringing every thanksgiving through us to God. thought into captivity to the obedience of

Christ,

12

For the administration of this service hand being ready to punish all

not only supplies the needs of the saints,

but also is abounding through many disobedience when your obedience is

thanksgivings to God, fulfilled.

17 3

while, through the proof of this ministry, Do you look at things according to the

they glorify God for the obedience of outward appearance? If anyone is

your confession to the gospel of Christ, convinced in himself that he is Christ's,

and for your liberal sharing with them let him again consider this in himself,

and all men, that just as he is Christ's, even so we

are Christ's.

14

and by their prayer for you, who long

for you because of the exceeding grace 8For even if I should boast somewhat of God in you. more about our authority, which the Lord

gave us for edification and not for your

15Thanks be to God for His

destruction, I shall not be ashamed--

indescribable gift!

'lest I seem to terrify you by letters.

1 0 'For his letters," they say, "are weighty

1 ONow I, Paul, myself am pleading

and powerful, but his bodily presence is

with you by the meekness and

weak, and his speech contemptible."

gentleness of Christ--who in presence

am lowly among you, but being absent 11Let such a person consider this, that am bold toward you.

what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed 2For I am jealous for you with godly when we are present.

jealousy. For I have betrothed you to
one husband, that I may present you as

12 a chaste virgin to Christ.

For we dare not class ourselves or
compare ourselves with those who

3

commend themselves. But they, But I fear, lest somehow, as the
serpent measuring themselves by themselves, deceived Eve by his
craftiness, so your

and comparing themselves among minds may be corrupted from the
themselves, are not wise. simplicity that is in Christ.

14 3We, however, will not boast beyond

For if he who comes preaches another
measure, but within the limits of the Jesus whom we have not
preached, or if

sphere which God appointed us--a you receive a different spirit which
you

sphere which especially includes you. have not received, or a
different gospel

which you have not accepted--you may

14 well put up with it!

For we are not overextending
ourselves (as though our authority did

not extend to you), for it was to you that 5For I consider that I am not
at all we came with the gospel of Christ; inferior to the most eminent
apostles.

15not boasting of things beyond measure, 6Even though I am
untrained in speech,

that is, in other men's labors, but having yet I am not in knowledge.
But we have

hope, that as your faith is increased, we been thoroughly manifested
among you

shall be greatly enlarged by you in our in all things. sphere,

7Did I commit sin in humbling myself that

16 preach the gospel in the regions

you might be exalted, because I

beyond you, and not to boast in another preached the gospel of God to
you free

man's sphere of accomplishment. of charge?

1 8 7But "he who glories, let him glory in the

1 robbed other churches, taking wages

LORD." from them to minister to you.

18For not he who commends himself is 'And when I was present with
you, and

approved, but whom the Lord in need, I was a burden to no one, for
commends. what I lacked the brethren who came

from Macedonia supplied. And in

everything I kept myself from being

1 1 burdensome to you, and so I will keep Oh, that you would bear
with me

myself.

in a little folly--and indeed you do bear
with me.

1 2 0As the truth of Christ is in me, no one

1

To our shame I say that we were too
shall stop me from this boasting in the weak for that! But in whatever
anyone is
regions of Achaia. bold--I speak foolishly--I am bold also.

1 2 12

Why? Because I do not love you? God Are they Hebrews? So am I.
Are they
knows! Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of
Abraham? So am I.

12

But what I do, I will also continue to do,

2 3

that I may cut off the opportunity from Are they ministers of Christ?--I
speak

those who desire an opportunity to be as a fool--I am more: in labors
more

regarded just as we are in the things of abundant, in stripes above
measure, in

which they boast. prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

1 2 3For such are false apostles, deceitful 4From the Jews five times I
received workers, transforming themselves into forty stripes minus

one. apostles of Christ.

25Three times I was beaten with rods;

14

And no wonder! For Satan himself once I was stoned; three times I was

transforms himself into an angel of light. shipwrecked; a night and a day I have

been in the deep;

15Therefore it is no great thing if his

ministers also transform themselves into 2 6 n journeys often, in perils of waters, in ministers of righteousness, whose end perils of robbers, in perils of my own

will be according to their works. countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in

perils in the city, in perils in the

16 say again, let no one think me a fool. wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils

If otherwise, at least receive me as a among false brethren;

fool, that I also may boast a little. 7in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness

2

17 often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings

What I speak, I speak not according to

the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this often, in cold and nakedness--confidence of boasting.

2 ' besides the other things, what comes

18 upon me daily: my deep concern for all

Seeing that many boast according to
the flesh, I also will boast. the churches.

1 you put up with fools gladly, since

' For 2' Who is weak, and I am not weak?

you yourselves are wise! Who is made to stumble, and I do not

burn with indignation?

20For you put up with it if one brings you

30 must boast, I will boast in the things

into bondage, if one devours you, if one

takes from you, if one exalts himself, if which concern my
infirmity. one strikes you on the face.

31

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus revelations, a thorn in the
flesh was

Christ, who is blessed forever, knows given to me, a messenger of
Satan to

that I am not lying. buffet me, lest I be exalted above

measure.

32 n Damascus the governor, under

Aretas the king, was guarding the city of 8Concerning this thing I
pleaded with the the Damascenes with a garrison, Lord three times
that it might depart

desiring to arrest me; from me.

33but I was let down in a basket through 'And He said to me, "My
grace is

a window in the wall, and escaped from sufficient for you, for My strength is

his hands. made perfect in weakness." Therefore

most gladly I will rather boast in my
infirmities, that the power of Christ may

1 rest upon me. 2It is doubtless not profitable for me

to boast. I will come to visions and 10Therefore I take pleasure in
infirmities, revelations of the Lord: in reproaches, in needs, in
persecutions, 2 in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when

1 I know a man in Christ who fourteen I am weak, then I am strong.
years ago--whether in the body I do not

know, or whether out of the body I do 1 1a have become a fool in
boasting; you not know, God knows--such a one was have compelled
me. For I ought to have caught up to the third heaven. been
commended by you; for in nothing

3And I know such a man--whether in the was I behind the most
eminent apostles,

though I am nothing.

body or out of the body I do not know,

God knows-- 1 2Truly the signs of an apostle were 4 accomplished
among you with all

how he was caught up into Paradise perseverance, in signs and
wonders and

and heard inexpressible words, which it mighty deeds. is not lawful
for a man to utter.

13For what is it in which you were inferior

5Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself to other churches, except

that I myself

I will not boast, except in my infirmities. was not burdensome to you?
Forgive

6 me this wrong!

For though I might desire to boast, I will

not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. ¹⁴Now for the third time I am
ready to But I refrain, lest anyone should think of come to you. And I
will not be

me above what he sees me to be or burdensome to you; for I do not
seek

hears from me. yours, but you. For the children ought

7 not to lay up for the parents, but the

And lest I should be exalted above parents for the children.

measure by the abundance of the

^{1 2} 5And I will very gladly spend and be

1 have told you before, and foretell as if

spent for your souls; though the more I were present the second time,
and

abundantly I love you, the less I am now being absent I write to those
who

loved. have sinned before, and to all the rest,

that if I come again I will not spare--

¹⁶

But be that as it may, I did not burden ³since you seek a proof of
Christ

you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught

you by cunning! speaking in me, who is not weak toward

you, but mighty in you.

17Did I take advantage of you by any of

those whom I sent to you? 4For though He was crucified in

weakness, yet He lives by the power of

18a urged Titus, and sent our brother with

God. For we also are weak in Him, but

him. Did Titus take advantage of you? we shall live with Him by the power of

Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did God toward you. we not walk in the same steps?

5 Examine yourselves as to whether you

1 are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you ' Again, do you think that we excuse

ourselves to you? We speak before God not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ

in Christ. But we do all things, beloved, is in you?--unless indeed you are

for your edification. disqualified.

2 But I trust that you will know that we are For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not

0 6

find you such as I wish, and that I shall not disqualified. be found by you such as you do not

wish; 7 lest there be contentions, Now I pray to God that you do no evil, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish not that we should appear approved, but

ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, that you should do what is honorable,

conceits, tumults; though we may seem disqualified.

28 I est, when I come again, my God will For we can do nothing against the truth, humble me among you, and I shall but for the truth. mourn for many who have sinned before

and have not repented of the 'For we are glad when we are weak and uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness you are strong. And this also we pray,

which they have practiced. that you may be made complete.

10 Therefore I write these things being

13 This will be the third time I am absent, lest being present I should use

coming to you. "By the mouth of two or sharpness, according to the authority

three witnesses every word shall be which the Lord has given me for established." edification and not for destruction.

113 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become

All the saints greet you.

complete. Be of good comfort, be of one

mind, live in peace; and the God of love 41 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and peace will be with you. and the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with

12

Greet one another with a holy kiss. you all. Amen.

Letter from Apostle Paul to the Church in Rome

¹⁰ asking request if, by some means,

now at last I may find a way in the will of

¹ God to come to you. Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,

called to be an apostle, separated to the ¹ ¹For I long to see you, that I may impart gospel of God

to you some spiritual gift, so that you

² may be established--

which He promised before through His

prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ¹ ²that is, that I may be encouraged

³ together with you by the mutual faith concerning His Son Jesus Christ our both of you and me. Lord, who was born of the seed of David

according to the flesh, ¹ ³Now I do not want you to be unaware, ⁴ brethren, that I often planned to come to

and declared to be the Son of God with you (but was hindered until now), that I

power according to the Spirit of holiness, might have some fruit among you also,

by the resurrection from the dead. just as among the other Gentiles.

⁵Through Him we have received grace ^{4a} am a debtor both to Greeks and to

and apostleship for obedience to the barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

faith among all nations for His name,

15So, as much as is in me, I am ready to

6among whom you also are the called of

preach the gospel to you who are in

Jesus Christ;

Rome also.

7To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, 6

1 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of

called to be saints: Grace to you and

Christ, for it is the power of God to

peace from God our Father and the Lord

salvation for everyone who believes, for

Jesus Christ.

the Jew first and also for the Greek.

8First, I thank my God through Jesus 7For in it the righteousness of God is

Christ for you all, that your faith is

revealed from faith to faith; as it is

spoken of throughout the whole world.

written, "The just shall live by faith."

For God is my witness, whom I serve 1

' For the wrath of God is revealed from
with my spirit in the gospel of His Son,
heaven against all ungodliness and
that without ceasing I make mention of
unrighteousness of men, who suppress
you always in my prayers, the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹because
what may be known of God is
¹men committing what is shameful, and
manifest in them, for God has shown it receiving in themselves the
penalty of
to them. their error which was due.

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For since the creation of the world His And even as they did not like
to retain
invisible attributes are clearly seen, God in their knowledge, God gave
them
being understood by the things that are over to a debased mind, to do
those
made, even His eternal power and things which are not fitting;
Godhead, so that they are without
excuse, ² ' being filled with all unrighteousness,

² covetousness, maliciousness; full of
¹because, although they knew God, sexual immorality, wickedness,
they did not glorify Him as God, nor envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-
were thankful, but became futile in their mindedness; they are
whisperers, thoughts, and their foolish hearts were
darkened. ³⁰backbiters, haters of God, violent,

2 disobedient to parents,

2Professing to be wise, they became proud, boasters, inventors of evil things,

fools,

31undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving,

23and changed the glory of the

unforgiving, unmerciful;

incorruptible God into an image made

like corruptible man--and birds and four- 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment footed animals and creeping things. of God, that those who practice such

2 do the same but also approve of those

4Therefore God also gave them up to things are deserving of death, not only

uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, who practice them. to dishonor their bodies among

themselves,

2 2Therefore you are inexcusable, O 5who exchanged the truth of God for

man, whoever you are who judge, for in

the lie, and worshiped and served the

whatever you judge another you

creature rather than the Creator, who is

condemn yourself; for you who judge

blessed forever. Amen.

practice the same things.

26For this reason God gave them up to

2 But we know that the judgment of God

vile passions. For even their women

is according to truth against those who

exchanged the natural use for what is

practice such things.

against nature.

2 3And do you think this, O man, you who 7Likewise also the men,
leaving the judge those practicing such things, and

natural use of the woman, burned in

doing the same, that you will escape the

their lust for one another, 1men with

judgment of God?

41 Or do you despise the riches of His 4 or when Gentiles, who do not
have goodness, forbearance, and the law, by nature do the things in
the longsuffering, not knowing that the law, these, although not
having the law,

goodness of God leads you to are a law to themselves, repentance?

1 5

who show the work of the law written

5But in accordance with your hardness in their hearts, their conscience
also

and your impenitent heart you are bearing witness, and between
treasuring up for yourself wrath in the themselves their thoughts
accusing or

day of wrath and revelation of the else excusing them) righteous judgment of God,

1 6in the day when God will judge the

6who "will render to each one according secrets of men by Jesus Christ,

to his deeds": according to my gospel.

7 1 eternal life to those who by patient 7 ndeed you are called a Jew, and rest continuance in doing good seek for glory, on the law, and make your boast in God,

honor, and immortality;

18and know His will, and approve the

8but to those who are self-seeking and things that are excellent, being do not obey the truth, but obey instructed out of the law, unrighteousness--indignation and wrath,

1' and are confident that you yourself are

'tribulation and anguish, on every soul a guide to the blind, a light to those who

of man who does evil, of the Jew first are in darkness, and also of the Greek;

2 0

an instructor of the foolish, a teacher

10 but glory, honor, and peace to of babes, having the form of knowledge

everyone who works what is good, to and truth in the law. the Jew first and also to the Greek.

2 1 ou, therefore, who teach another, do

11For there is no partiality with God.

you not teach yourself? You who preach

that a man should not steal, do you

12 For as many as have sinned without

steal?

law will also perish without law, and as 2 ou who say, "Do not commit

many as have sinned in the law will be 2

judged by the law adultery," do you commit adultery? You

who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

13 (

for not the hearers of the law are just 3 ou who make your boast in the law,

in the sight of God, but the doers of the 2

law will be justified; do you dishonor God through breaking

the law?

24

For "the name of God is blasphemed "That You may be justified in Your

among the Gentiles because of you," as words, And may overcome when You

it is written. are judged."

25 5

For circumcision is indeed profitable if But if our unrighteousness

you keep the law; but if you are a demonstrates the righteousness of God,

breaker of the law, your circumcision what shall we say? Is God unjust who

has become uncircumcision. inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.)

26 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man

Certainly not! For then how will God

keeps the righteous requirements of the law, will not his uncircumcision be

counted as circumcision? 7For if the truth of God has increased

through my lie to His glory, why am I

27And will not the physically also still judged as a sinner? uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law,

judge you who, even with your written 8 And why not say, "Let us do evil that good and circumcision, are a good may come"--as we are transgressor of the law? slanderously reported and as some

affirm that we say. Their condemnation

2' For he is not a Jew who is one is just outwardly, nor is circumcision that which

is outward in the flesh; 9What then? Are we better than they?

Not at all. For we have previously

2' but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; charged both Jews and Greeks that they

and circumcision is that of the heart, in are all under sin. the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise

is not from men but from God. 10As it is written: "There is none

righteous, no, not one;

3What advantage then has the Jew, or 11There is none who understands; There what is the profit of circumcision? is none who seeks after God.

1 2They have all turned aside; They have

2Much in every way! Chiefly because to

them were committed the oracles of together become unprofitable;
There is

God. none who does good, no, not one."

3For what if some did not believe? Will 1 34Their throat is an open
tomb; With their unbelief make the faithfulness of their tongues they
have practiced

God without effect? deceit"; "The poison of asps is under
their lips";

4Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true

but every man a liar. As it is written:

14a Whose mouth is full of cursing and

because in His forbearance God had
bitterness." passed over the sins that were

previously committed,

158Their feet are swift to shed blood;

2 6

to demonstrate at the present time His

16Destruction and misery are in their

righteousness, that He might be just and
ways; the justifier of the one who has faith in

Jesus.

17 And the way of peace they have not 2

known." 7Where is boasting then? It is excluded.

By what law? Of works? No, but by the

¹ law of faith.

" There is no fear of God before their

eyes." ² ⁸Therefore we conclude that a man is

¹ justified by faith apart from the deeds of ⁹Now we know that
whatever the law

the law.

says, it says to those who are under the

law, that every mouth may be stopped, ² ' Or is He the God of the Jews
only? Is and all the world may become guilty before God. He not also
the God of the Gentiles?

Yes, of the Gentiles also,

²⁰Therefore by the deeds of the law no

flesh will be justified in His sight, for by since there is one God who
will justify ³⁰

the law is the knowledge of sin. the circumcised by faith and the

uncircumcised through faith.

²¹But now the righteousness of God

apart from the law is revealed, being ³¹Do we then make void the law
through

witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, faith? Certainly not! On the
contrary, we

establish the law.

²²

even the righteousness of God,
through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and

on all who believe. For there is no ⁴What then shall we say that Abraham

difference; our father has found according to the

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3 or all have sinned and fall short of the flesh?

glory of God, ² For if Abraham was justified by works,

he has something to boast about, but

²⁴ being justified freely by His grace not before God. through the redemption that is in Christ

Jesus, ³For what does the Scripture say?

"Abraham believed God, and it was

²⁵whom God set forth as a propitiation

accounted to him for righteousness."

by His blood, through faith, to

demonstrate His righteousness, ⁴Now to him who works, the wages are which our father Abraham had while still

not counted as grace but as debt. uncircumcised.

^{5 1} But to him who does not work but ³For the promise that he would be the believes on Him who justifies the heir of the world was not to Abraham or

ungodly, his faith is accounted for to his seed through the law, but through

righteousness, the righteousness of faith.

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just as David also describes the For if those who are of the law are

blessedness of the man to whom God heirs, faith is made void and the promise

imputes righteousness apart from made of no effect, works:

1 5because the law brings about wrath;

7 BBlessed are those whose lawless for where there is no law there is no

deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are transgression. covered;

1 6Therefore it is of faith that it might be

'Blessed is the man to whom the LORD according to grace, so that the promise

shall not impute sin." might be sure to all the seed, not only to

those who are of the law, but also to

'Does this blessedness then come upon those who are of the faith of Abraham,

the circumcised only, or upon the who is the father of us all uncircumcised also? For we say that

1 7(

faith was accounted to Abraham for as it is written, "I have made you a

righteousness. father of many nations") in the presence

of Him whom he believed--God, who

10 gives life to the dead and calls those

How then was it accounted? While he

was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not things which do not exist as though they

while did; circumcised, but while

uncircumcised.

11 And he received the sign of

believed, so that he became the father

circumcision, of many nations, according to what was a seal of the

righteousness of the faith which he had spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

while still uncircumcised, that he might

be the father of all those who believe, 1' And not being weak in faith, he did not though they are uncircumcised, that consider his own body, already dead

righteousness might be imputed to them (since he was about a hundred years

also, old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

1 2 2 0 He did not waver at the promise of

and the father of circumcision to those

who not only are of the circumcision, but God through unbelief, but was who also walk in the steps of the faith strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, 2 7 1

and being fully convinced that what He For scarcely for a righteous man will

had promised He was also able to one die; yet perhaps for a good man perform. someone would even dare to die.

2 8 2

And therefore "it was accounted to him But God demonstrates His own love

for righteousness." toward us, in that while we were still

sinner, Christ died for us.

Now it was not written for his sake
 alone that it was imputed to him, 'Much more then, having now been
 justified by His blood, we shall be saved
 24 from wrath through Him.

but also for us. It shall be imputed to
 us who believe in Him who raised up

1 0

Jesus our Lord from the dead, For if when we were enemies we were
 reconciled to God through the death of
 25 who was delivered up because of our

His Son, much more, having been
 offenses, and was raised because of our reconciled, we shall be saved
 by His life.
 justification.

1 1

And not only that, but we also rejoice
 in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
 5 Therefore, having been justified by through whom we have now
 received

the reconciliation.

faith, we have peace with God through

our Lord Jesus Christ, 12 Therefore, just as through one man sin 2
 entered the world, and death through sin,

through whom also we have access by and thus death spread to all
 men,

faith into this grace in which we stand, because all sinned--and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1 3(

3And not only that, but we also glory in For until the law sin was in the world,

but sin is not imputed when there is no tribulations, knowing that tribulation law. produces perseverance;

1 4

4 Nevertheless death reigned from

and perseverance, character; and Adam to Moses, even over those who character, hope. had not sinned according to the likeness

5 of the tr n of Adam, who is a

Now hope does not disappoint, type of Him who was to come.

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because the love of God has been

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poured out in our hearts by the Holy 1 5But the free gift is not like the offense. Spirit who was given to us. For if by the one man's offense many

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died, much more the grace of God and

6For when we were still without strength, the gift by the grace of the one Man,

in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

16And the gift is not like that which came 3Or do you not know that
as many of us

through the one who sinned. For the as were baptized into Christ
Jesus were

judgment which came from one offense baptized into His death?
resulted in condemnation, but the free

gift which came from many offenses 4Therefore we were buried with
Him resulted in justification. through baptism into death, that just as

1 glory of the Father, even so we also

7For if by the one man's offense death Christ was raised from the dead
by the

reigned through the one, much more should walk in newness of life.
those who receive abundance of grace

and of the gift of righteousness will reign 5For if we have been united
together in in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) the likeness of His
death, certainly we

also shall be in the likeness of His

1 ' Therefore, as through one man's resurrection, offense judgment
came to all men,

resulting in condemnation, even so 6 knowing this, that our old man
was through one Man's righteous act the free crucified with Him, that
the body of sin

gift came to all men, resulting in might be done away with, that we
justification of life. should no longer be slaves of sin.

1 7 ' For as by one man's disobedience For he who has died has been
freed many were made sinners, so also by from sin. one Man's
obedience many will be

made righteous. 8

Now if we died with Christ, we believe

2 that we shall also live with Him, 0Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin 'knowing that Christ, having been raised abounded, grace abounded much more,

from the dead, dies no more. Death no

2 longer has dominion over Him. 1 so that as sin reigned in death, even

so grace might reign through 1 0For the death that He died, He died to righteousness to eternal life through

sin once for all; but the life that He lives,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

He lives to God.

1 1Likewise you also, reckon yourselves

6What shall we say then? Shall we to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to

continue in sin that grace may abound? God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 1 Certainly not! How shall we who died to 2Therefore do not let sin reign in your sin live any longer in it? mortal body, that you should obey it in

its lusts.

1 2 3And do not present your members as

2

But now having been set free from sin,

instruments of unrighteousness to sin, and having become slaves of God, you

but present yourselves to God as being have your fruit to holiness, and the end,

alive from the dead, and your members everlasting life. as instruments of righteousness to God.

2 3

For the wages of sin is death, but the

14

For sin shall not have dominion over gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus

you, for you are not under law but under our Lord. grace.

15What then? Shall we sin because we

7Or do you not know, brethren (for I

are not under law but under grace?

8I speak to those who know the law), that

Certainly not!

the law has dominion over a man as

1 long as he lives? 6Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you 2

For the woman who has a husband is

are that one's slaves whom you obey, bound by the law to her husband as

whether of sin leading to death, or of

long as he lives. But if the husband dies,

obedience leading to righteousness?

she is released from the law of her

1 husband. 7 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin,
yet you obeyed from 3

So then if, while her husband lives, she
the heart that form of doctrine to which
marries another man, she will be called
you were delivered.

an adulteress; but if her husband dies,
1 she is free from that law, so that she is
' And having been set free from sin, you no adulteress, though she has
married
became slaves of righteousness. another man.

1 ' I speak in human terms because of the

4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have
weakness of your flesh. For just as you become dead to the law
through the

presented your members as slaves of body of Christ, that you may be
married

uncleanness, and of lawlessness to another--to Him who was raised
from leading to more lawlessness, so now the dead, that we should
bear fruit to

present your members as slaves of God. righteousness for holiness.

2 For when you were slaves of sin, you sinful passions which were
aroused by

0 5 For when we were in the flesh, the

were free in regard to righteousness. the law were at work in our members to

bear fruit to death.

21

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? 6 But now we have been delivered from For the end of those things is death. the law, having died to what we were

held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the 16 then, I do what I will not to do, I oldness of the letter. agree with the law that it is good.

7 17

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? But now, it is no longer I who do it, but

Certainly not! On the contrary, I would sin that dwells in me. not have known sin except through the

law. For I would not have known 1 8For I know that in me (that is, in my covetousness unless the law had said, flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is

"You shall not covet." present with me, but how to perform

what is good I do not find.

'But sin, taking opportunity by the

commandment, produced in me all 1 ' For the good that I will to do, I do not manner of evil desire. For apart from the do; but the evil I will not to do, that I

law sin was dead. practice.

I was alive once without the law, but 20Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no

when the commandment came, sin longer I who do it, but sin that

dwells in

revived and I died. me.

1 2 0 And the commandment, which was to 1s find then a law, that evil
is present bring life, I found to bring death. with me, the one who
wills to do good.

1 2 12 For sin, taking occasion by the For I delight in the law of God
commandment, deceived me, and by it according to the inward man.
killed me.

2 3 But I see another law in my members,

1 2 Therefore the law is holy, and the

warring against the law of my mind, and

commandment holy and just and good. bringing me into captivity to
the law of

1

3 Has then what is good become death sin which is in my members.

to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it 2 40 wretched man that I am!
Who will might appear sin, was producing death deliver me from this
body of death? in me through what is good, so that sin

through the commandment might 2 5a thank God--through Jesus
Christ our become exceedingly sinful. Lord! So then, with the mind I
myself

1 serve the law of God, but with the flesh 4 For we know that the law
is spiritual, the law of sin.

but I am carnal, sold under sin.

1 5 For what I am doing, I do not

understand. For what I will to do, that I

do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. condemnation to those who
are in Christ

Jesus, who do not walk according to the But if the Spirit of Him who raised

flesh, but according to the Spirit. Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He

who raised Christ from the dead will also

2 give life to your mortal bodies through For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ

Jesus has made me free from the law of His Spirit who dwells in you.

sin and death. 2Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--

1

3 not to the flesh, to live according to the For what the law could not do in that it

was weak through the flesh, God did by flesh.

sending His own Son in the likeness of 3For if you live according to the flesh

sinful flesh, on account of sin: He 1

condemned sin in the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to

death the deeds of the body, you will

4 live. that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not

1 4

walk according to the flesh but For as many as are led by the Spirit of

according to the Spirit. God, these are sons of God.

51 For those who live according to the 5For you did not receive the spirit of flesh set their minds on the things of the bondage again to fear, but you received

flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry

the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. out, "Abba, Father."

61 6

For to be carnally minded is death, but The Spirit Himself bears witness with

to be spiritually minded is life and peace. our spirit that we are children of God,

71 7

Because the carnal mind is enmity and if children, then heirs--heirs of against God; for it is not subject to the God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed

law of God, nor indeed can be. we suffer with Him, that we may also be

glorified together.

8So then, those who are in the flesh

cannot please God. 1' For I consider that the sufferings of

this present time are not worthy to be

'But you are not in the flesh but in the compared with the glory which shall be

Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells revealed in us. in you. Now if anyone does not have the

Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 1' For the earnest expectation of the

creation eagerly waits for the revealing

10And if Christ is in you, the body is

of the sons of God.

dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life 0For the creation was
subjected to

because of righteousness. 2

futility, not willingly, but because of Him

who subjected it in hope;

21because the creation itself also will be 30Moreover whom He
predestined, these

delivered from the bondage of He also called; whom He called, these
corruption into the glorious liberty of the He also justified; and whom
He justified,

children of God. these He also glorified.

2 3 21

For we know that the whole creation What then shall we say to
these

groans and labors with birth pangs things? If God is for us, who can be
together until now. against us?

23Not only that, but we also who have 32He who did not spare His
own Son,

the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we but delivered Him up for us all,
how shall

ourselves groan within ourselves, He not with Him also freely give us
all eagerly waiting for the adoption, the things? redemption of our
body.

2 For we were saved in this hope, but God's elect? It is God who justifies. 4 33Who shall bring a charge against

hope that is seen is not hope; for why

does one still hope for what he sees? 34Who is he who condemns? It is Christ

2 who is even at the right hand of God,

5But if we hope for what we do not see, who died, and furthermore is also risen,

we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. who also makes intercession for us.

2 3 65 Who shall separate us from the love of Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or

we should pray for as we ought, but the persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or

Spirit Himself makes intercession for us peril, or sword? with groanings which cannot be uttered.

36

2 killed all day long; We are accounted as

7Now He who searches the hearts As it is written: "For Your sake we are

knows what the mind of the Spirit is, sheep for the slaughter." because He makes intercession for the

saints according to the will of God. 37 et in all these things we are more

2 uS.

8And we know that all things work than conquerors through Him who loved

together for good to those who love God,

to those who are the called according to 3' For I am persuaded that neither death

His purpose. nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor

2 come,

9For whom He foreknew, He also powers, nor things present nor things to

predestined to be conformed to the

image of His Son, that He might be the 3' nor height nor depth, nor any other

firstborn among many brethren. created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in 10And not only this, but when Rebecca Christ Jesus our Lord. also had conceived by one man, even

by our father Isaac

1 1(

91 tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, for the children not yet being born, nor

having done any good or evil, that the

my conscience also bearing me witness

in the Holy Spirit, purpose of God according to election

might stand, not of works but of Him

2 who calls),

that I have great sorrow and continual

grief in my heart. 1 2it was said to her, "The older shall

3For I could wish that I myself were serve the younger."

accursed from Christ for my brethren, ¹ 3As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, my countrymen according to the flesh,

but Esau I have hated."

⁴ who are Israelites, to whom pertain the ⁴

adoption, the glory, the covenants, the ¹ What shall we say then? Is there

giving of the law, the service of God, unrighteousness with God? Certainly

and the promises; not!

¹⁵For He says to Moses, "I will have

sof whom are the fathers and from

whom, according to the flesh, Christ mercy on whomever I will have mercy,

came, who is over all, the eternally and I will have compassion on

blessed God. Amen. whomever I will have compassion."

¹ 6

⁶ So then it is not of him who wills, nor But it is not that the word of God has

taken no effect. For they are not all of him who runs, but of God who shows

Israel who are of Israel, mercy.

⁷ For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, nor are they all children because they ¹⁷

are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac "For this very purpose I have raised you

your seed shall be called." up, that I may show My power in you,
and that My name may be declared in
8 all the earth."

That is, those who are the children of

the flesh, these are not the children of 1 ' Therefore He has mercy on
whom He God; but the children of the promise are wills, and whom
He wills He hardens. counted as the seed.

1 ' You will say to me then, "Why does He
'For this is the word of promise: "At this
time I will come and Sarah shall have a still find fault? For who has
resisted His
will?"
son."

2 2 0But indeed, O man, who are you to

' And as Isaiah said before: "Unless the
reply against God? Will the thing formed LORD of Sabaoth had left us
a seed,
say to him who formed it, "Why have We would have become like
Sodom,
you made me like this?" And we would have been made like

Gomorrah."

21

Does not the potter have power over

3 0

the clay, from the same lump to make What shall we say then? That

Gentiles,

one vessel for honor and another for who did not pursue
righteousness, have

dishonor? attained to righteousness, even the

righteousness of faith;

2What if God, wanting to show His

31

wrath and to make His power known, but Israel, pursuing the law of
endured with much longsuffering the righteousness, has not attained
to the

vessels of wrath prepared for law of righteousness. destruction,

3 2

Why? Because they did not seek it by

23 and that He might make known the faith, but as it were, by the
works of the

riches of His glory on the vessels of law. For they stumbled at that
stumbling

mercy, which He had prepared stone.

beforehand for glory,

2 even us whom He called, not of the stumbling stone and rock of
offense,

4 33As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a

Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? And whoever believes on Him will
not be

put to shame."

As He says also in Hosea: "I will call
 them My people, who were not My
 people, And her beloved, who was not 1 O Brethren, my heart's
 desire and
 beloved." prayer to God for Israel is that they may

2 be saved. 6 And it shall come to pass in the place

where it was said to them, "You are not 2 For I bear them witness that
 they have My people,' There they shall be called a zeal for God, but
 not according to

sons of the living God." knowledge.

27 saiah also cries out concerning Israel: 3

For they being ignorant of God's

"Though the number of the children of

righteousness, and seeking to establish

Israel be as the sand of the sea, The their own righteousness, have not
 remnant will be saved. submitted to the righteousness of God.

2' For He will finish the work and cut it For Christ is the end of the law
 for

short in righteousness, Because the righteousness to everyone who
 believes.

LORD will make a short work upon the
 earth."

5 1 For Moses writes about the 5 And how shall they preach unless they
righteousness which is of the law, "The are sent? As it is written: "How
beautiful

man who does those things shall live by are the feet of those who
preach the

them." gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings

of good things!"

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in

1 6

this way, "Do not say in your heart, But they have not all obeyed the

"Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, gospel. For Isaiah says,
"LORD, who

to bring Christ down from above) has believed our report?"

7 1 7 or, Who will descend into the abyss?"

So then faith comes by hearing, and

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). hearing by the word of
God.

8 1 But what does it say? "The word is near ' But I say, have they not
heard? Yes you, in your mouth and in your heart" indeed: "Their
sound has gone out to all

(that is, the word of faith which we the earth, And their words to the
ends of

preach): the world."

'that if you confess with your mouth the 1' But I say, did Israel not
know? First Lord Jesus and believe in your heart Moses says: "I will
provoke you to

that God has raised Him from the dead, jealousy by those who are not
a nation, I

you will be saved. will move you to anger by a foolish

nation."

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For with the heart one believes unto

2 0

righteousness, and with the mouth But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I
confession is made unto salvation. was found by those who did not
seek

Me; I was made manifest to those who

11 did not ask for Me."

For the Scripture says, "Whoever

believes on Him will not be put to 1But to Israel he says: "All day long
I

shame." 2

have stretched out My hands To a

12For there is no distinction between

disobedient and contrary people."

Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over

all is rich to all who call upon Him.

1 1 I say then, has God cast away His

13For "whoever calls on the name of the

people? Certainly not! For I also am an

LORD shall be saved." Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the

tribe of Benjamin.

¹⁴How then shall they call on Him in

whom they have not believed? And how ² God has not cast away His people shall they believe in Him of whom they whom He foreknew. Or do you not know

have not heard? And how shall they what the Scripture says of Elijah, how

hear without a preacher?

he pleads with God against Israel, Now if their fall is riches for the world,

saying, and their failure riches for the Gentiles,

how much more their fullness!

3 "LORD, they have killed Your prophets ^{3 1} and torn down Your altars, and I alone For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch am left, and they seek my life"? as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I

magnify my ministry,

4 But what does the divine response say ⁴ by any means I may provoke to

to him? "I have reserved for Myself ¹

seven thousand men who have not jealousy those who are my flesh and

bowed the knee to Baal." save some of them.

^{5 1} 5

Even so then, at this present time there For if their being cast away is the

is a remnant according to the election of reconciling of the world, what will their

grace. acceptance be but life from the dead?

^{6 1} And if by grace, then it is no longer of ⁶ For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is works; otherwise grace is no longer also holy; and if the root is holy, so are

grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer the branches. grace;
otherwise work is no longer work.

17

And if some of the branches were

7What then? Israel has not obtained broken off, and you, being a wild
olive

what it seeks; but the elect have tree, were grafted in among them,
and

obtained it, and the rest were blinded. with them became a partaker
of the root

and fatness of the olive tree,

8Just as it is written: "God has given

1 8

them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they do not boast against the
branches. But

should not see And ears that they if you do boast, remember that you
do

should not hear, To this very day." not support the root, but the root
supports you.

'And David says: "Let their table

become a snare and a trap, A stumbling 1 ' You will say then,
"Branches were block and a recompense to them. broken off that I
might be grafted in."

1 2 0 0Let their eyes be darkened, so that

Well said. Because of unbelief they

they do not see, And bow down their were broken off, and you stand
by faith.

back always." Do not be haughty, but fear.

1 2 1a say then, have they stumbled that 1For if God did not spare the natural they should fall? Certainly not! But branches, He may not spare you either.

through their fall, to provoke them to

jealousy, salvation has come to the 22Therefore consider the goodness and Gentiles. severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if 31even so these also have now been

you continue in His goodness. disobedient, that through the mercy Otherwise you also will be cut off. shown you they also may obtain mercy.

23 32

And they also, if they do not continue For God has committed them all to

in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is disobedience, that He might have mercy

able to graft them in again. on all.

24 33

For if you were cut out of the olive tree Oh, the depth of the riches both of the

which is wild by nature, and were wisdom and knowledge of God! How

grafted contrary to nature into a unsearchable are His judgments and

cultivated olive tree, how much more will His ways past finding out! these, who are natural branches, be

grafted into their own olive tree? 3 4 'For who has known the mind of the

LORD? Or who has become His

25For I do not desire, brethren, that you counselor?" should be

ignorant of this mystery, lest

you should be wise in your own opinion, ³ 5 Or who has first given to Him And it that blindness in part has happened to shall be repaid to him?" Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles

has come in. 36For of Him and through Him and to

² Him are all things, to whom be glory 6And so all Israel will be saved, as it is

forever. Amen.

written: "The Deliverer will come out of

Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness

from Jacob;

1 21 beseech you therefore, brethren,

²7For this is My covenant with them,

by the mercies of God, that you present

When I take away their sins." your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,

acceptable to God, which is your

² reasonable service. 8Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning ²

the election they are beloved for the And do not be conformed to this world,

sake of the fathers. but be transformed by the renewing of

your mind, that you may prove what is

² that good and acceptable and perfect '

For the gifts and the calling of God are

will of God.

irrevocable.

30For as you were once disobedient to 3For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not God, yet have now obtained mercy to think of himself more highly than he through their disobedience, ought to think, but to think soberly, as

God has dealt to each one a measure of
faith.

41 For as we have many members in one 6Be of the same mind toward one body, but all the members do not have another. Do not set your mind on high

the same function, things, but associate with the humble.

Do not be wise in your own opinion.

so we, being many, are one body in

1 7

Christ, and individually members of one Repay no one evil for evil.
Have

another. regard for good things in the sight of all

men.

6Having then gifts differing according to

the grace that is given to us, let us use 1' If it is possible, as much as depends them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in on you, live peaceably with all men. proportion to our faith;

1 ' Beloved, do not avenge yourselves,

7or ministry, let us use it in our but rather give place to wrath; for it is

ministering; he who teaches, in written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will teaching; repay," says the Lord.

'he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who 20Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, gives, with liberality; he who leads, with feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a

diligence; he who shows mercy, with drink; For in so doing you will heap

cheerfulness. coals of fire on his head."

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'Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor Do not be overcome by evil, but what is evil. Cling to what is good. overcome evil with good.

10

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving 1 3Let every soul be subject to the preference to one another; governing authorities. For there is no

1 authority except from God, and the 1 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, authorities that exist are appointed by serving the Lord; God.

1 2 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,

Therefore whoever resists the authority continuing steadfastly in prayer; resists the ordinance of God, and those

who resist will bring judgment on

13 distributing to the needs of the saints, themselves. given to hospitality.

1 Bless those who persecute you; bless works, but to evil. Do you want to be

4 3For rulers are not a terror to good

and do not curse. unafraid of the authority? Do what is

good, and you will have praise from the

15Rejoice with those who rejoice, and

same.

weep with those who weep.

4For he is God's minister to you for good. of darkness, and let us put
on the armor

But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does of light. not bear the sword in
vain; for he is

God's minister, an avenger to execute 13Let us walk properly, as in the
day, not wrath on him who practices evil. in revelry and drunkenness,
not in

lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

5Therefore you must be subject, not only

because 1 4 of wrath but also for

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and

conscience' sake. make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill

its lusts.

6For because of this you also pay taxes,

for they are God's ministers attending

continually to this very thing. 1 4Receive one who is weak in the

7 faith, but not to disputes over doubtful

Render therefore to all their due: taxes things.

to whom taxes are due, customs to

whom customs, fear to whom fear, 2

honor to whom honor. For one believes he may eat all things,

but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

8Owe no one anything except to love 3Let not him who eats despise
him who

one another, for he who loves another

has fulfilled the law. does not eat, and let not him who does

not eat judge him who eats; for God has

received him.

'For the commandments, "You shall not

commit adultery," "You shall not 4 Who are you to judge another's
murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall

not bear false witness," "You shall not servant? To his own master he
stands

covet," and if there is any other or falls. Indeed, he will be made to
stand,

commandment, are all summed up in for God is able to make him
stand.

this saying, namely, "You shall love your 5One person esteems one day
above neighbor as yourself."

another; another esteems every day

10Love does no harm to a neighbor;

alike. Let each be fully convinced in his

therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. own mind.

1 He who observes the day, observes it And do this, knowing the time,
that

1 6

now it is high time to awake out of sleep; to the Lord; and he who
does not

for now our salvation is nearer than observe the day, to the Lord he
does not

when we first believed. observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord,

for he gives God thanks; and he who

1 does not eat, to the Lord he does not 2The night is far spent, the day
is at

eat, and gives God thanks.

hand. Therefore let us cast off the works 7 17F

For none of us lives to himself, and no or the kingdom of God is not
eating

one dies to himself. and drinking, but righteousness and

peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

8For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if

1 8

we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, For he who serves Christ in
these

whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. things is acceptable to God
and

approved by men.

'For to this end Christ died and rose and

lived again, that He might be Lord of 1 ' Therefore let us pursue the
things both the dead and the living. which make for peace and the
things by

which one may edify another.

¹⁰But why do you judge your brother? Or

² 0

why do you show contempt for your Do not destroy the work of God
for the

brother? For we shall all stand before sake of food. All things indeed
are pure,

the judgment seat of Christ. but it is evil for the man who eats with

offense.

¹¹

For it is written: "As I live, says the

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LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And It is good neither to eat meat
nor drink

every tongue shall confess to God." wine nor do anything by which
your

brother stumbles or is offended or is

¹² made weak.

So then each of us shall give account

of himself to God.

² 2

Do you have faith? Have it to yourself

¹³Therefore let us not judge one another before God. Happy is he who
does not

anymore, but rather resolve this, not to condemn himself in what he
approves.

in our brother's ² ³ way. But he who doubts is condemned if he put a stumbling block or a cause to fall

eats, because he does not eat from

¹⁴ know and am convinced by the Lord faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Jesus that there is nothing unclean of

itself; but to him who considers anything

to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ¹ ⁵ We then who are strong ought to

¹ bear with the scruples of the weak, and ⁵ Yet if your brother is grieved because

not to please ourselves.

of your food, you are no longer walking

in love. Do not destroy with your food ²

Let each of us please his neighbor for

the one for whom Christ died.

his good, leading to edification.

¹⁶ Therefore do not let your good be

³ For even Christ did not please Himself;

spoken of as evil;

but as it is written, "The reproaches of

those who reproached You fell on Me."

⁴ ¹⁴

For whatever things were written before Now I myself am confident

concerning

were written for our learning, that we you, my brethren, that you also are full

through the patience and comfort of the of goodness, filled with all knowledge,

Scriptures might have hope. able also to admonish one another.

5 1 5 Now may the God of patience and Nevertheless, brethren, I have written comfort grant you to be like-minded more boldly to you on some points, as

toward one another, according to Christ reminding you, because of the grace

Jesus, given to me by God,

6 1 6

that you may with one mind and one that I might be a minister of Jesus

mouth glorify the God and Father of our Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the

Lord Jesus Christ. gospel of God, that the offering of the

Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified

7 by the Holy Spirit. Therefore receive one another, just as

Christ also received us, to the glory of 7Therefore I have reason to glory in

God. 1

Christ Jesus in the things which pertain

8 to God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has

become a servant to the circumcision for 8For I will not dare to speak
of any of

the truth of God, to confirm the promises 1

made to the fathers, those things which Christ has not

accomplished through me, in word and

'and that the Gentiles might glorify God deed, to make the Gentiles
obedient--

for His mercy, as it is written: "For this

reason I will confess to You among the 1' in mighty signs and wonders,
by the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." power of the Spirit of God, so
that from

Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I

10And again he says: "Rejoice, O

have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

Gentiles, with His people!" 0And so I have made it my aim to

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11And again: "Praise the LORD, all you

preach the gospel, not where Christ was

Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" named, lest I should build on
another

man's foundation,

12And again, Isaiah says: "There shall

be a root of Jesse; And He who shall but as it is written: "To whom He
was 21

rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him not announced, they shall see;
And

the Gentiles shall hope." those who have not heard shall

understand."

¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with

² ²For this reason I also have been much

all joy and peace in believing, that you

may abound in hope by the power of the hindered from coming to you. Holy Spirit.

²³But now no longer having a place in ³²that I may come to you with joy by the

these parts, and having a great desire will of God, and may be refreshed

these many years to come to you, together with you.

² ³³ ⁴whenever I journey to Spain, I shall

Now the God of peace be with you all.

come to you. For I hope to see you on Amen. my journey, and to be helped on my way

there by you, if first I may enjoy your

company for a while. ¹ ⁶I commend to you Phoebe our

² sister, who is a servant of the church in ⁵But now I am going to Jerusalem to

Cenchrea,

minister to the saints.

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⁶For it pleased those from Macedonia ² that you may receive her in the Lord in

a manner worthy of the saints, and
and Achaia to make a certain
assist her in whatever business she has
contribution for the poor among the
need of you; for indeed she has been a
saints who are in Jerusalem.

helper of many and of myself also.

²⁷ pleased them indeed, and they are ³Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my
fellow

their debtors. For if the Gentiles have

workers in Christ Jesus,

been partakers of their spiritual things,

their duty is also to minister to them in ⁴

who risked their own necks for my life,

material things.

to whom not only I give thanks, but also

² all the churches of the Gentiles.

' Therefore, when I have performed this

and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall ⁵Likewise greet the church
that is in their go by way of you to Spain. house. Greet my beloved
Epaenetus,

² who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. '

But I know that when I come to you, I
shall come in the fullness of the blessing ⁶Greet Mary, who labored

much for us.

of the gospel of Christ.

30 Now I beg you, brethren, through the 7

Greet Andronicus and Junia, my

countrymen and my fellow prisoners,

Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love

who are of note among the apostles,

of the Spirit, that you strive together with

who also were in Christ before me.

me in prayers to God for me,

3 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.

1 W 8

hat I may be delivered from those in

Judea who do not believe, and that my 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow
worker in service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,
Christ, and Stachys, my beloved.

11 0 Greet Apelles, approved in Christ.

' For your obedience has become

Greet those who are of the household of known to all. Therefore I am
glad on

Aristobulus. your behalf; but I want you to be wise in

what is good, and simple concerning evil.

11

Greet Herodion, my countryman.

Greet those who are of the household of And the God of peace will
crush Satan

Narcissus who are in the Lord. under your feet shortly. The grace of
our

Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

12

Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who 1Timothy, my fellow worker,
and Lucius,

have labored in the Lord. Greet the 2

beloved Persis, who labored much in Jason, and Sosipater, my
countrymen,

the Lord. greet you.

1 2 3 2 Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet Greet Rufus, chosen in the
Lord, and his mother and mine. you in the Lord.

1 2 43

Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Gaius, my host and the host of
the

Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren whole church, greets you. Erastus,
the

who are with them. treasurer of the city, greets you, and

Quartus, a brother.

15

Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus

2 4

and his sister, and Olympas, and all the The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be

saints who are with them. with you all. Amen.

1 2 65 Now to Him who is able to establish

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The churches of Christ greet you. you according to my gospel and the
preaching of Jesus Christ, according to

17 the revelation of the mystery kept secret

Now I urge you, brethren, note those

who cause divisions and offenses, since the world began contrary to
the doctrine which you

2 6

learned, and avoid them. but now made manifest, and by the
prophetic Scriptures made known to all

18 nations, according to the commandment

For those who are such do not serve

our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own of the everlasting God, for
obedience to

belly, and by smooth words and the faith--flattering speech deceive
the hearts of

27

the simple. to God, alone wise, be glory through

Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Philippi

¹0

that you may approve the things that
are excellent, that you may be sincere

¹ and without offense till the day of Christ, Paul and Timothy,
bondservants of

Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ ¹ being filled with the fruits of
Jesus who are in Philippi, with the righteousness which are by Jesus
Christ, bishops and deacons: to the glory and praise of God.

² Grace to you and peace from God our ²

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ¹ But I want you to know, brethren,
that

the things which happened to me have

¹ I thank my God upon every actually turned out for the furtherance of
the gospel,

remembrance of you,

¹3

⁴ so that it has become evident to the

always in every prayer of mine making whole palace guard, and to all
the rest,

request for you all with joy,

that my chains are in Christ;

for your fellowship in the gospel from 4

1 and most of the brethren in the Lord,

the first day until now,

having become confident by my chains,

6 are much more bold to speak the word

being confident of this very thing, that without fear.

He who has begun a good work in you

will complete it until the day of Jesus 15Some indeed preach Christ
even from Christ;

envy and strife, and some also from

7 goodwill:

just as it is right for me to think this of

you all, because I have you in my heart, 16

The former preach Christ from selfish

inasmuch as both in my chains and in

ambition, not sincerely, supposing to

the defense and confirmation of the

add affliction to my chains;

gospel, you all are partakers with me of

grace. 1 7but the latter out of love, knowing that I 8 am appointed for
the defense of the

For God is my witness, how greatly I

gospel.

long for you all with the affection of

Jesus Christ. ¹ ' What then? Only that in every way,

whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is

'And this I pray, that your love may

preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and

abound still more and more in

will rejoice.

knowledge and all discernment,

¹⁹For I know that this will turn out for my

perdition, but to you of salvation, and

deliverance through your prayer and the that from God. supply of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ,

² ' For to you it has been granted on

²⁰according to my earnest expectation

behalf of Christ, not only to believe in

and hope that in nothing I shall be Him, but also to suffer for His sake,
ashamed, but with all boldness, as

always, so now also Christ will be ³⁰ having the same conflict which
you magnified in my body, whether by life or saw in me and now hear
is in me. by death.

²¹For to me, to live is Christ, and to die

²Therefore if there is any consolation

is gain.

in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any

² fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection ²

But if I live on in the flesh, this will

and mercy,

mean fruit from my labor; yet what I

shall choose I cannot tell. ²

fulfill my joy by being like-minded,

² having the same love, being of one ³For I am hard-pressed between
the

accord, of one mind.

two, having a desire to depart and be

with Christ, which is far better. ³Let nothing be done through selfish

²⁴ ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of

Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is

mind let each esteem others better than

more needful for you.

himself.

²⁵

And being confident of this, I know that ⁴

Let each of you look out not only for his

I shall remain and continue with you all

own interests, but also for the interests

for your progress and joy of faith,

of others.

²⁶ hat your rejoicing for me may be more

⁵Let this mind be in you which was also

abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming

in Christ Jesus,

to you again.

2 o nly let your conduct be worthy of the

7 6 who, being in the form of God, did not

consider it robbery to be equal with God,

gospel of Christ, so that whether I come

and see you or am absent, I may hear of 7

your affairs, that you stand fast in one but made Himself of no
reputation,

spirit, with one mind striving together for taking the form of a
bondservant, and

the faith of the gospel, coming in the likeness of men.

8And being found in appearance as a

2' and not in any way terrified by your

adversaries, which is to them a proof of man, He humbled Himself and
became obedient to the point of death, even the 18For the same reason
you also be glad death of the cross. and rejoice with me.

'Therefore God also has highly exalted 1' But I trust in the Lord Jesus to
send Him and given Him the name which is Timothy to you shortly,
that I also may

above every name, be encouraged when I know your state.

1 2 0 0 hat at the name of Jesus every knee

For I have no one like-minded, who

should bow, of those in heaven, and of will sincerely care for your
state. those on earth, and of those under the

earth, 2 1

For all seek their own, not the things
which are of Christ Jesus.

11

and that every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of 2 2But you know his proven
character, God the Father. that as a son with his father he served
with me in the gospel.

12

Therefore, my beloved, as you have
always obeyed, not as in my presence 2 3Therefore I hope to send him
at once, only, but now much more in my absence, as soon as I see how
it goes with me.
work out your own salvation with fear
and trembling; 2 4But I trust in the Lord that I myself

1 shall also come shortly. 3 or it is God who works in you both to
will and to do for His good pleasure. 2 5 et I considered it necessary to
send 1 to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow

4 Do all things without complaining and worker, and fellow soldier,
but your

disputing, messenger and the one who ministered
to my need;

15 hat you may become blameless and

harmless, children of God without fault 2 6since he was longing for
you all, and in the midst of a crooked and perverse was distressed
because you had heard

generation, among whom you shine as that he was sick. lights in the

world,

1 For indeed he was sick almost unto 6 2 7

holding fast the word of life, so that I death; but God had mercy on him, and

may rejoice in the day of Christ that I not only on him but on me also, lest I

have not run in vain or labored in vain. should have sorrow upon sorrow.

1 2 7 es, and if I am being poured out as a 8Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, drink offering on the sacrifice and that when you see him again you may

service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. rejoice with you all.

2 9 Receive him therefore in the Lord with

and be found in Him, not having my

all gladness, and hold such men in own righteousness, which is from the

esteem; law, but that which is through faith in

Christ, the righteousness which is from

30because for the work of Christ he God by faith; came close to death, not regarding his

1 0

life, to supply what was lacking in your that I may know Him and the power of

service toward me. His resurrection, and the fellowship of

His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

3Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord, by any means, I may attain to the

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Lord. For me to write the same things to

you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. resurrection from the dead.

1 2

2 Not that I have already attained, or am already perfect; but I press on, that I
beware of dogs, beware of

evil workers,

beware of the mutilation! already perfected; but I press on, that I
may lay hold of that for which Christ

3For we are the circumcision, who Jesus has also laid hold of me.

worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in the Lord. 13Brethren, I do not count
myself to have Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in
apprehended; but one thing I do, the flesh, forgetting those things
which are behind 4 and reaching forward to those things

though I also might have confidence in those things which are ahead,

the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may

have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 14s press toward the goal for
the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

circumcised the eighth day, of the stock

of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a 1 5Therefore let us, as many as are
Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, have this mind; and if
in law, a Pharisee; anything you think otherwise, God will 6 reveal
even this to you.

concerning zeal, persecuting the

church; concerning the righteousness 1 6Nevertheless, to the degree

that we which is in the law, blameless.

have already attained, let us walk by the
7 same rule, let us be of the same mind.

But what things were gain to me, these

I have counted loss for Christ. 1 7Brethren, join in following my
example, 8 and note those who so walk, as you

Yet indeed I also count all things loss have us for a pattern.

for the excellence of the knowledge of

Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have 18For many walk, of whom I
have told suffered the loss of all things, and count

you often, and now tell you even

them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ weeping, that they are the
enemies of 7and the peace of God, which surpasses the cross of Christ:
all understanding, will guard your hearts

and minds through Christ Jesus.

19whose end is destruction, whose god

is their belly, and whose glory is in their 8 Finally, brethren, whatever
things are shame--who set their mind on earthly true, whatever things
are noble,

things. whatever things are just, whatever

things are pure, whatever things are

20 lovely, whatever things are of good

For our citizenship is in heaven, from

which we also eagerly wait for the report, if there is any virtue and if
there

Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is anything praiseworthy--meditate on

these things.

21 who will transform our lowly body that 9

it may be conformed to His glorious The things which you learned and
body, according to the working by which received and heard and saw
in me,
He is able even to subdue all things to these do, and the God of peace
will be
Himself. with you.

10

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that
4Therefore, my beloved and longed- now at last your¹ care for me has
flourished again; though you surely did
for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand care, but you lacked
opportunity. fast in the Lord, beloved.

¹ 1Not that I speak in regard to need, for I

² 1 implore Euodia and I implore have learned in whatever state I am,
to Syntyche to be of the same mind in the

be content:

Lord.

3And I urge you also, true companion, how to abound. Everywhere
and in all ¹ 2a know how to be abased, and I know

help these women who labored with me things I have learned both to
be full and

in the gospel, with Clement also, and to be hungry, both to abound
and to

the rest of my fellow workers, whose suffer need. names are in the
Book of Life.

¹3 can do all things through Christ who

4Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will strengthens me. say, rejoice!

5 Nevertheless you have done well that

Let your gentleness be known to all you shared in my distress.

men. The Lord is at hand.

15 Now you Philippians know also that in

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in

the beginning of the gospel, when I

everything by prayer and supplication, departed from Macedonia, no
church

with thanksgiving, let your requests be

made known to God;

shared with me concerning giving and 1' And my God shall supply all
your need receiving but you only. according to His riches in glory by
Christ

Jesus.

16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid

2 0

once and again for my necessities. Now to our God and Father be
glory

forever and ever. Amen.

17

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the

2 1

fruit that abounds to your account. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus.
The

brethren who are with me greet you.

1' Indeed I have all and abound. I am full,

having received from Epaphroditus the All the saints greet you, but especially 2 2

things sent from you, a sweet-smelling those who are of Caesar's household. aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well

pleasing to God. 2 3The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

with you all. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Colosse

the knowledge of His will in all wisdom
and spiritual understanding;

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by ¹⁰that you may walk worthy of the Lord, the will of God, and Timothy our brother, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every

² good work and increasing in the

To the saints and faithful brethren in knowledge of God;

Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you

and peace from God our Father and the ¹ strengthened with all might, according Lord Jesus Christ. to His glorious power, for all patience

³We give thanks to the God and Father and long suffering with joy;

of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always ¹ ² giving thanks to the Father who has for you,

qualified us to be partakers of the

⁴ inheritance of the saints in the light.

since we heard of your faith in Christ

Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ¹ ³He has delivered us from the power of ^s darkness and conveyed us into the

because of the hope which is laid up for kingdom of the Son of His love,

you in heaven, of which you heard

before in the word of the truth of the ¹⁴n whom we have redemption
through gospel,

His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

⁶which has come to you, as it has also in ⁵He is the image of the
invisible God,

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all the world, and is bringing forth fruit,

as it is also among you since the day the firstborn over all creation.

you heard and knew the grace of God in ¹⁶For by Him all things were
created that truth;

are in heaven and that are on earth,

⁷ visible and invisible, whether thrones or as you also learned from
Epaphras, our

dear fellow servant, who is a faithful dominions or principalities or
powers. All

minister of Christ on your behalf, things were created through Him
and for

Him.

⁸who also declared to us your love in the ⁷And He is before all things,
and in Him

1

Spirit.

all things consist.

For this reason we also, since the day ¹ ⁸And He is the head of the

body, the

we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,

and to ask that you may be filled with church, who is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead, that in all things mystery among the
Gentiles: which is

He may have the preeminence. Christ in you, the hope of glory.

12 9For it pleased the Father that in Him all 8Him we preach, warning
every man the fullness should dwell, and teaching every man in all
wisdom,

that we may present every man perfect

20 in Christ Jesus.

and by Him to reconcile all things to

Himself, by Him, whether things on

earth or things in heaven, having made 2' To this end I also labor,
striving peace through the blood of His cross. according to His
working which works in

me mightily.

21And you, who once were alienated and

enemies in your mind by wicked works,

yet now He has reconciled 2 For I want you to know what a great

2 conflict I have for you and those in 2 in the body of His flesh
through death, Laodicea, and for as many as have not

to present you holy, and blameless, and seen my face in the flesh,
above reproach in His sight--

2 being knit together in love, and attaining

3if indeed you continue in the faith, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged,

grounded and steadfast, and are not to all riches of the full assurance of

moved away from the hope of the understanding, to the knowledge of the

gospel which you heard, which was mystery of God, both of the Father and

preached to every creature under of Christ, heaven, of which I, Paul, became a

minister. M in whom are hidden all the treasures of

2 wisdom and knowledge. 4 now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in 4

Now this I say lest anyone should

the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of deceive you with persuasive words. His body, which is the church,

2

5 which I became a minister 5For though I am absent in the flesh, yet

I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see

according to the stewardship from God your good order and the steadfastness

which was given to me for you, to fulfill of your faith in Christ. the word of God,

2

6 he mystery which has been hidden 6 As you therefore have received Christ

Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

from ages and from generations, but

now has been revealed to His saints. 7

rooted and built up in Him and

2 established in the faith, as you have 7

To them God willed to make known been taught, abounding in it
with

what are the riches of the glory of this thanksgiving.

8 17

Beware lest anyone cheat you through which are a shadow of things
to come,

philosophy and empty deceit, according but the substance is of Christ.
to the tradition of men, according to the

basic principles of the world, and not 18 Let no one cheat you of your
reward, according to Christ. taking delight in false humility and

worship of angels, intruding into those

'For in Him dwells all the fullness of the things which he has not seen,
vainly

Godhead bodily; puffed up by his fleshly mind,

1 1 0

and you are complete in Him, who is ' and not holding fast to the
Head, from

the head of all principality and power. whom all the body, nourished
and knit

together by joints and ligaments, grows

1 1 n Him you were also circumcised with

with the increase that is from God.

the circumcision made without hands,

by putting off the body of the sins of the 20 Therefore, if you died with

Christ from flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, the basic principles of the world, why, as

though living in the world, do you

12 subject yourselves to regulations--

buried with Him in baptism, in which

you also were raised with Him through 1 Do not touch, do not taste, do not

faith in the working of God, who raised 2

Him from the dead. handle,"

1 2 3 2

And you, being dead in your which all concern things which perish trespasses and the uncircumcision of with the using--according to the your flesh, He has made alive together commandments and doctrines of men?

with Him, having forgiven you all

trespasses, 2 3These things indeed have an

appearance of wisdom in self-imposed

14having wiped out the handwriting of

religion, false humility, and neglect of

requirements that was against us, which the body, but are of no value against the

was contrary to us. And He has taken it indulgence of the flesh. out of the way, having nailed it to the

cross.

1 3 If then you were raised with Christ, 5 Having disarmed
principalities and

seek those things which are above,
powers, He made a public spectacle of
where Christ is, sitting at the right hand
them, triumphing over them in it. of God.

16 So let no one judge you in food or in

2 Set your mind on things above, not on
drink, or regarding a festival or a new things on the earth. moon or
sabbaths,

3 For you died, and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.

4 14

When Christ who is our life appears, But above all these things put on
love,

then you also will appear with Him in which is the bond of perfection.
glory.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your

5 Therefore put to death your members hearts, to which also you were
called in

which are on the earth: fornication, one body; and be thankful.
uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and

covetousness, which is idolatry. 1 6

Let the word of Christ dwell in you
richly in all wisdom, teaching and

6 Because of these things the wrath of admonishing one another in

psalms and

God is coming upon the sons of hymns and spiritual songs, singing with

disobedience, grace in your hearts to the Lord.

7 1 in which you yourselves once walked 7 And whatever you do in word or deed, when you lived in them. do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through

'But now you yourselves are to put off Him. all these: anger, wrath, malice,

blasphemy, filthy language out of your 18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, mouth. as is fitting in the Lord.

'Do not lie to one another, since you 1' Husbands, love your wives and do not have put off the old man with his deeds, be bitter toward them.

1 2 00 Children, obey your parents in all

and have put on the new man who is

renewed in knowledge according to the things, for this is well pleasing to the

image of Him who created him, Lord.

1 2 1 1 Fathers, do not provoke your children,

where there is neither Greek nor Jew,

circumcised nor uncircumcised, lest they become discouraged. barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but

Christ is all and in all. 2 2

Bondservants, obey in all things your
masters according to the flesh, not with

12Therefore, as the elect of God, holy

eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in

and beloved, put on tender mercies, sincerity of heart, fearing God.
kindness, humility, meekness,

longsuffering; 2 3

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as
to the Lord and not to men,

13bearing with one another, and

forgiving one another, if anyone has a 2 4knowing that from the Lord
you will complaint against another; even as receive the reward of the
inheritance; for

Christ forgave you, so you also must do. you serve the Lord Christ.

21 5But he who does wrong will be repaid 0Aristarchus my fellow
prisoner greets for what he has done, and there is no you, with Mark
the cousin of Barnabas

partiality. (about whom you received instructions:

if he comes to you, welcome him),

4Masters, give your bondservants and Jesus who is called Justus.
These 1 1

are my only fellow workers for the

what is just and fair, knowing that you

kingdom of God who are of the

also have a Master in heaven.

circumcision; they have proved to be a

2 comfort to me.

Continue earnestly in prayer, being

vigilant in it with thanksgiving; ¹ 2Epaphras, who is one of you, a

3meanwhile praying also for us, that God bondservant of Christ,
greet you,

always laboring fervently for you in

would open to us a door for the word, to prayers, that you may stand
perfect and

speak the mystery of Christ, for which I complete in all the will of
God. am also in chains,

¹3

⁴ For I bear him witness that he has a

that I may make it manifest, as I ought great zeal for you, and those
who are in

to speak. Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

⁵Walk in wisdom toward those who are ⁴Luke the beloved physician
and

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outside, redeeming the time. Demas greet you.

⁶Let your speech always be with grace, ⁵

¹ Greet the brethren who are in

seasoned with salt, that you may know

Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church

how you ought to answer each one. that is in his house.

7Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful 6Now when this epistle is read among

1

minister, and fellow servant in the Lord,

you, see that it is read also in the church

will tell you all the news about me. of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise

8 read the epistle from Laodicea.

1 am sending him to you for this very

purpose, that he may know your 1 7And say to Archippus, "Take heed to circumstances and comfort your hearts, the ministry which you have received in

the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

'with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved

brother, who is one of you. They will 1

' This salutation by my own hand--Paul.

make known to you all things which are Remember my chains. Grace be with

happening here. you. Amen.

Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Ephesus

10

that in the dispensation of the fullness

of the times He might gather together in

1 one all things in Christ, both which are in Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by

heaven and which are on earth--in Him.

the will of God, To the saints who are in

Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: ¹ ¹ n Him also we have obtained
an ² inheritance, being predestined

Grace to you and peace from God our according to the purpose of Him
who

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

works all things according to the counsel

3Blessed be the God and Father of our of His will, Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us ¹ ²

that we who first trusted in Christ

with every spiritual blessing in the

should be to the praise of His glory.

heavenly places in Christ,

^h ^o ⁿ Him you also trusted, after you

foundation of the world, that we should your salvation; in whom also,
having be holy and without blame before Him in believed, you were
sealed with the Holy ⁴just as He chose us in Him before the heard the
word of truth, the gospel of

love, Spirit of promise,

shaving predestined us to adoption as ⁴

¹ who is the guarantee of our

sons by Jesus Christ to Himself,

inheritance until the redemption of the

according to the good pleasure of His

will, His glory. purchased possession, to the praise of

6to the praise of the glory of His grace, 5Therefore I also, after I heard
of your

1

by which He made us accepted in the

faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for

Beloved.

all the saints,

7In Him we have redemption through His 6

1 do not cease to give thanks for you,

blood, the forgiveness of sins, according

making mention of you in my prayers:

to the riches of His grace

1 7

all wisdom and prudence, which He made to abound toward us in the
Father of glory, may give to you the 8 that the God of our Lord Jesus
Christ,

spirit of wisdom and revelation in the

knowledge of Him,

'having made known to us the mystery

of His will, according to His good 18

the eyes of your understanding being

pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

enlightened; that you may know what is

the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in s even when we were dead in trespasses, the saints, made us alive together with Christ (by

grace you have been saved),

19

and what is the exceeding greatness

of His power toward us who believe, and raised us up together, and made according to the working of His mighty us sit together in the heavenly places in

power Christ Jesus,

27 0

which He worked in Christ when He that in the ages to come He might show

raised Him from the dead and seated the exceeding riches of His grace in His

Him at His right hand in the heavenly kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. places,

8 For by grace you have been saved

2 1 ar above all principality and power through faith, and that not of yourselves;

and might and dominion, and every it is the gift of God, name that is named, not only in this age

but also in that which is to come. 'not of works, lest anyone should boast.

21 2 And He put all things under His feet, 0For we are His workmanship, created and gave Him to be head over all things in Christ Jesus for good works, which

to the church, God prepared beforehand that we

3which is His body, the fullness of Him should walk in them.

who fills all in all. ¹ 1Therefore remember that you, once

Gentiles in the flesh--who are called

Uncircumcision by what is called the

2And you He made alive, who were Circumcision made in the flesh by

hands--

dead in trespasses and sins,

¹2

2 that at that time you were without

in which you once walked according to

Christ, being aliens from the

the course of this world, according to the

commonwealth of Israel and strangers

prince of the power of the air, the spirit

from the covenants of promise, having

who now works in the sons of

no hope and without God in the world.

disobedience,

3among whom also we all once ¹ 3But now in Christ Jesus you who
once

were far off have been brought near by

conducted ourselves in the lusts of our

the blood of Christ.

flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh

and of the mind, and were by nature ¹ ⁴For He Himself is our peace,
who has children of wrath, just as the others.

made both one, and has broken down

⁴ the middle wall of separation,

But God, who is rich in mercy, because

of His great love with which He loved us, ¹⁵having abolished in His
flesh the Show that by revelation He made known

enmity, that is, the law of to me the mystery (as I have briefly
commandments contained in ordinances, written already, so as to
create in Himself one new man

from the two, thus making peace, ⁴by which, when you read, you may

understand my knowledge in the

¹⁶

and that He might reconcile them both mystery of Christ),

to God in one body through the cross,

thereby putting to death the enmity. which in other ages was not
made

¹ been revealed by the Spirit to His holy

⁷And He came and preached peace to known to the sons of men, as it
has now

you who were afar off and to those who apostles and prophets: were
near.

¹ of the same body, and partakers of His

⁸For through Him we both have access ⁶that the Gentiles should be

fellow heirs,

by one Spirit to the Father. promise in Christ through the gospel,

17 ' Now, therefore, you are no longer of which I became a minister according strangers and foreigners, but fellow to the gift of the grace of God given to

citizens with the saints and members of me by the effective working of His power.

the household of God,

8To me, who am less than the least of all

20 having been built on the foundation of the saints, this grace was given, that I

the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ should preach among the Gentiles the

Himself being the chief cornerstone, unsearchable riches of Christ,

21 in whom the whole building, being 'and to make all see what is the fitted together, grows into a holy temple fellowship of the mystery, which from

in the Lord, the beginning of the ages has been

hidden in God who created all things

22in whom you also are being built

through Jesus Christ;

together for a dwelling place of God in

1 0

the Spirit. to the intent that now the manifold

wisdom of God might be made known

by the church to the principalities and

powers in the heavenly places,

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner

of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- 1 according to the eternal purpose
which 2 He accomplished in Christ Jesus our

if indeed you have heard of the Lord,

dispensation of the grace of God which

was given to me for you,

12

in whom we have boldness and

access with confidence through faith in 4I, therefore, the prisoner of
the Lord,

Him.

beseech you to walk worthy of the

1 calling with which you were called, 3Therefore I ask that you do
not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is 2

with all lowliness and gentleness, with

your glory.

longsuffering, bearing with one another

1 in love, 4 For this reason I bow my knees to the

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3endeavoring to keep the unity of the

1 Spirit in the bond of peace. 5from whom the whole family in heaven
and earth is named, 4

There is one body and one Spirit, just

1 as you were called in one hope of your 6 hat He would grant you,
according to

calling;

the riches of His glory, to be

strengthened with might through His s

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Spirit in the inner man,

1

7that Christ may dwell in your hearts 6one God and Father of all, who
is

above all, and through all, and in you all.

through faith; that you, being rooted and

grounded in love, 7

But to each one of us grace was given

1 according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 ay be able to comprehend
with all

the saints what is the width and length 8 He Therefore says: "When He
and depth and height--ascended on high, He led captivity

1 captive, And gave gifts to men." ' to know the love of Christ which
passes knowledge; that you may be '(Now this, "He ascended"--what
does it filled with all the fullness of God.

mean but that He also first descended

2 into the lower parts of the earth? 0Now to Him who is able to do

exceedingly abundantly above all that 1 0He who descended is also the

One we ask or think, according to the power who ascended far above all the heavens, that works in us, that He might fill all things.)

21 Him be glory in the church by Christ

Jesus to all generations, forever and And He Himself gave some to be 1
1

ever. Amen. apostles, some prophets, some

evangelists, and some pastors and

teachers, 1 2 2 or the equipping of the
saints for the 1 indeed you have
heard Him and work of ministry, for
the edifying of the have been taught
by Him, as the truth is

body of Christ, in Jesus:

1 2 2 3 I we all come to the unity of the faith that you put off,
concerning your and of the knowledge of the Son of God, former
conduct, the old man which

to a perfect man, to the measure of the grows corrupt according to the
deceitful

stature of the fullness of Christ; lusts,

1 2 4 hat we should no longer be children, 3

and be renewed in the spirit of your

tossed to and fro and carried about with mind, every wind of doctrine,
by the trickery of

men, in the cunning craftiness of 2 4 and that you put on the new man
deceitful plotting, which was created according to God, in

true righteousness and holiness.

but, speaking the truth in love, may

grow up in all things into Him who is the ²⁵Therefore, putting away
lying, "Let head--Christ-- each one of you speak truth with his

¹ another.

⁶from whom the whole body, joined and neighbor," for we are
members of one

knit together by what every joint

supplies, according to the effective ² ⁶ 'Be angry, and do not sin': do
not let working by which every part does its the sun go down on your
wrath, share, causes growth of the body for the

edifying of itself in love. ²⁷

nor give place to the devil.

¹⁷This I say, therefore, and testify in the

² ' Let him who stole steal no longer, but

Lord, that you should no longer walk as

rather let him labor, working with his

the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the

hands what is good, that he may have

futility of their mind,

something to give him who has need.

¹ ' having their understanding darkened,

² ' Let no corrupt word proceed out of

being alienated from the life of God, your mouth, but what is good for

because of the ignorance that is in them,

necessary edification, that it may impart

because of the blindness of their heart;

grace to the hearers.

1 ' who, being past feeling, have given 30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of

themselves over to lewdness, to work all

God, by whom you were sealed for the

uncleanness with greediness.

day of redemption.

20But you have not so learned Christ, 31Let all bitterness, wrath,
anger, clamor,

and evil speaking be put away from you,

with all malice.

32And be kind to one another, 1 0 inding out what is acceptable to the
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, Lord. even as God in Christ
forgave you.

1 1

And have no fellowship with the

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather

5Therefore be imitators of God as expose them.

dear children. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of 2 those things
which are done by them in

And walk in love, as Christ also has
loved us and given Himself for us, an secret.

offering and a sacrifice to God for a 1 3But all things that are exposed
are sweet-smelling aroma.

made manifest by the light, for whatever
3 makes manifest is light. But fornication and all uncleanness or

covetousness, let it not even be named 4Therefore He says: "Awake,
you who

among you, as is fitting for saints; 1

sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ
4 will give you light."

neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor

coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but 1 5 See then that you walk
circumspectly, rather giving of thanks.

not as fools but as wise,

5For this you know, that no fornicator, 6redeeming the time, because
the days

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unclean person, nor covetous man, who
is an idolater, has any inheritance in the are evil.

kingdom of Christ and God. 7Therefore do not be unwise, but

6 understand what the will of the Lord is. Let no one deceive you with empty

words, for because of these things the 8And do not be drunk with wine, in

wrath of God comes upon the sons of 1

disobedience. which is dissipation; but be filled with the

Spirit,

7Therefore do not be partakers with

them. 1' speaking to one another in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs, singing and

8 making melody in your heart to the Lord, For you were once darkness, but now

you are light in the Lord. Walk as 0giving thanks always for all things to

children of light 2

God the Father in the name of our Lord

'(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all Jesus Christ,

goodness, righteousness, and truth), 1submitting to one another in the fear of

God.

22 33Nevertheless let each one of you in

Wives, submit to your own husbands,

as to the Lord. particular so love his own wife as

himself, and let the wife see that she

23For the husband is head of the wife, as

respects her husband.

also Christ is head of the church; and

He is the Savior of the body.

6Children, obey your parents in the

24Therefore, just as the church is subject

Lord, for this is right.

to Christ, so let the wives be to their own

husbands in everything. 2 Honor your father and mother," which

2 is the first commandment with promise: 5Husbands, love your wives,
just as

Christ also loved the church and gave 3 'that it may be well with you
and you

Himself for her, may live long on the earth."

26 hat He might sanctify and cleanse her

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your

with the washing of water by the word, children to wrath, but bring
them up in

2 the training and admonition of the Lord. 7 hat He might present her
to Himself a

glorious church, not having spot or 5

Bondservants, be obedient to those

wrinkle or any such thing, but that she

who are your masters according to the
should be holy and without blemish.

flesh, with fear and trembling, in
2 sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

8

So husbands ought to love their own
wives as their own bodies; he who loves 6 not with eyeservice, as men-
pleasers, his wife loves himself. but as bondservants of Christ, doing
the

will of God from the heart,
2' For no one ever hated his own flesh,
but nourishes and cherishes it, just as 7with goodwill doing service, as
to the the Lord does the church. Lord, and not to men,

30For we are members of His body, of 8knowing that whatever good
anyone His flesh and of His bones. does, he will receive the same from
the

3 Lord, whether he is a slave or free. 1 'For this reason a man shall
leave his

father and mother and be joined to his 'And you, masters, do the same
things

wife, and the two shall become one to them, giving up threatening,
knowing

flesh." that your own Master also is in heaven,

3 and there is no partiality with Him. 2This is a great mystery, but I
speak

concerning Christ and the church. ¹⁰Finally, my brethren, be strong in the

Lord and in the power of His might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that ⁸praying always with all prayer and you may be able to stand against the supplication in the Spirit, being watchful

wiles of the devil. to this end with all perseverance and

supplication for all the saints--

¹²

For we do not wrestle against flesh

and blood, but against principalities, ¹ ' and for me, that utterance may be against powers, against the rulers of the given to me, that I may open my mouth

darkness of this age, against spiritual boldly to make known the mystery of the

hosts of wickedness in the heavenly gospel, places.

² Or which I am an ambassador in

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I

God, that you may be able to withstand ought to speak. in the evil day, and having done all, to

stand. ²¹But that you also may know my affairs

and how I am doing, Tychicus, a

¹⁴

Stand therefore, having girded your beloved brother and faithful minister in

waist with truth, having put on the the Lord, will make all things known to

breastplate of righteousness, you;

1 2 5 and having shod your feet with the

2

whom I have sent to you for this very
preparation of the gospel of peace; purpose, that you may know our
affairs,

and that he may comfort your hearts.

16

above all, taking the shield of faith with

2 3

which you will be able to quench all the Peace to the brethren, and
love with

fiery darts of the wicked one. faith, from God the Father and the Lord

Jesus Christ.

17

And take the helmet of salvation, and

2 4

the sword of the Spirit, which is the word Grace be with all those who
love our

of God; Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

2nd Letter of Apostle John

7For many deceivers have gone out into

the world who do not confess Jesus

1 Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a The Elder, To the elect lady
and her

deceiver and an antichrist.

children, whom I love in truth, and not

only I, but also all those who have 8Look to yourselves, that we do not
lose known the truth, those things we worked for, but that we 2 may
receive a full reward.

because of the truth which abides in us

and will be with us forever: 9Whoever transgresses and does not

3Grace, mercy, and peace will be with abide in the doctrine of Christ
does not

have God. He who abides in the

you from God the Father and from the doctrine of Christ has both the
Father

Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, and the Son. in truth and
love.

10 anyone comes to you and does not

41 rejoiced greatly that I have found bring this doctrine, do not
receive him some of your children walking in truth, into your house
nor greet him; as we received commandment from the

Father. 11 or he who greets him shares in his 5 evil deeds.

And now I plead with you, lady, not as

though I wrote a new commandment to ¹²Having many things to write to you, I you, but that which we have had from did not wish to do so with paper and ink; the beginning: that we love one another. but I hope to come to you and speak ⁶ face to face, that our joy may be full.

This is love, that we walk according to

His commandments. This is the ¹ ³The children of your elect sister greet commandment, that as you have heard you. Amen. from the beginning, you should walk in it.

3rd Letter of Apostle John

1 The Elder, To the beloved Gaius,

whom I love in truth: 91 wrote to the church, but Diotrephes,

who loves to have the preeminence

2 among them, does not receive us. Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in

all things and be in health, just as your 0Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind

soul prospers. 1

his deeds which he does, prating

3For I rejoiced greatly when brethren against us with malicious words. And

came and testified of the truth that is in not content with that, he himself does

you, just as you walk in the truth. not receive the brethren, and forbids

those who wish to, putting them out of

4 the church.

1 have no greater joy than to hear that

my children walk in truth. 1 1 BeLoved, do not imitate what is evil, 5 but what is good. He who does good is

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you

of God, but he who does evil has not

do for the brethren and for strangers,

seen God.

6who have borne witness of your love 2Demetrius has a good
testimony from

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before the church. If you send them

all, and from the truth itself. And we also
forward on their journey in a manner

bear witness, and you know that our
worthy of God, you will do well,
testimony is true.

7because they went forth for His name's 3 had many things to write,
but I do not

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sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

wish to write to you with pen and ink;
8We therefore ought to receive such, 1 4

but I hope to see you shortly, and we
that we may become fellow workers for
shall speak face to face. Peace to you.
the truth.

Our friends greet you. Greet the friends
by name.

The letter of Apostle Paul to brother Philemon

10 appeal to you for my son Onesimus,
whom I have begotten while in my

1 chains, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and

Timothy our brother, To Philemon our 11 who once was unprofitable
to you, but beloved friend and fellow laborer, now is profitable to you
and to me.

2 to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our 2a am sending him back. You
therefore

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fellow soldier, and to the church in your
house: receive him, that is, my own heart,

whom I wished to keep with me, that

3 Grace to you and peace from God our 13

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. on your behalf he might minister to
me

in my chains for the gospel.

41 thank my God, making mention of you 14

always in my prayers, But without your consent I wanted to
do nothing, that your good deed might
s not be by compulsion, as it were, but
hearing of your love and faith which you voluntary.
have toward the Lord Jesus and toward
all the saints, ¹⁵For perhaps he departed for a while ⁶ for this purpose,
that you might receive
that the sharing of your faith may him forever,
become effective by the

acknowledgment of every good thing ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more
than a which is in you in Christ Jesus. slave--a beloved brother,
especially to ⁷ me but how much more to you, both in

For we have great joy and consolation
the flesh and in the Lord.
in your love, because the hearts of the

saints have been refreshed by you, ¹⁷) then you count me as a partner,
brother. receive him as you would me.

⁸Therefore, though I might be very bold ⁸But if he has wronged you or
owes

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in Christ to command you what is fitting,
anything, put that on my account.

'yet for love's sake I rather appeal to ¹ I, Paul, am writing with my

own hand. I you--being such a one as Paul, the aged, will repay--not to mention to you that and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ--you owe me even your own self besides. 2 2 OYes, brother, let me have joy from you 3Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. Jesus, greets you,

2 2 14

Having confidence in your obedience, I as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke,

write to you, knowing that you will do my fellow laborers. even more than I say.

2 5

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

22

But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest with your spirit. Amen.
room for me, for I trust that through your
prayers I shall be granted to you.

The letter of Apostle Paul to brother Titus

'holding fast the faithful word as he has
been taught, that he may be able, by
1 sound doctrine, both to exhort and Paul, a bondservant of God and
an
convict those who contradict.
apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the
faith of God's elect and the 1 0For there are many insubordinate,
acknowledgment of the truth which
both idle talkers and deceivers,
accords with godliness,
especially those of the circumcision,
2in hope of eternal life which God, who 1whose mouths must be
stopped, who
1
cannot lie, promised before time began,
subvert whole households, teaching
Abut has in due time manifested His things which they ought not, for
the sake
of dishonest gain.
word through preaching, which was

committed to me according to the ¹²One of them, a prophet of their own, commandment of God our Savior; said, "Cretans are always liars, evil ⁴ beasts, lazy gluttons."

To Titus, a true son in our common

faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from ¹³This testimony is true. Therefore God the Father and the Lord Jesus rebuke them sharply, that they may be Christ our Savior. sound in the faith,

⁵For this reason I left you in Crete, that ⁴

¹ not giving heed to Jewish fables and

you should set in order the things that

commandments of men who turn from

are lacking, and appoint elders in every

city as I commanded you-- the truth.

¹ ⁵

⁶ To the pure all things are pure, but to if a man is blameless, the husband of

those who are defiled and unbelieving

one wife, having faithful children not

accused nothing is pure; but even their mind and of dissipation or

conscience are defiled.

insubordination.

¹ ⁶They profess to know God, but in

⁷For a bishop must be blameless, as a

steward of God, not self-willed, not works they deny Him, being abominable,

quick-tempered, not given to wine, not disobedient, and disqualified for every

violent, not greedy for money, good work.

'but hospitable, a lover of what is good,

sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 2But as for you, speak the things

which are proper for sound doctrine:

2 1 that the older men be sober, reverent, 2teaching us that, denying ungodliness temperate, sound in faith, in love, in and worldly lusts, we should live soberly,

patience; righteously, and godly in the present

age,

b

the older women likewise, that they be 3 ooking for the blessed hope and

reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not 1

given to much wine, teachers of good glorious appearing of our great God and

things-- Savior Jesus Christ,

4 1 that they admonish the young women 4who gave Himself for us, that He might to love their husbands, to love their redeem us from every lawless deed and

children, purify for Himself His own special

people, zealous for good works.

sto be discreet, chaste, homemakers,

good, obedient to their own husbands, 1 5

Speak these things, exhort, and
that the word of God may not be rebuke with all authority. Let no one
blasphemed. despise you.

⁶Likewise, exhort the young men to be
sober-minded, ³Remind them to be subject to rulers
⁷ and authorities, to obey, to be ready for
in all things showing yourself to be a every good work,
pattern of good works; in doctrine
showing integrity, reverence, ²

to speak evil of no one, to be
incorruptibility,

peaceable, gentle, showing all humility
⁸ to all men.

sound speech that cannot be
condemned, that one who is an ³For we ourselves were also once
opponent may be ashamed, having

foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving
nothing evil to say of you.

various lusts and pleasures, living in
malice and envy, hateful and hating one

'Exhort bondservants to be obedient to another. their own masters, to
be well pleasing in

all things, not answering back, ⁴

But when the kindness and the love of

¹ God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁰not pilfering, but showing all good

fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine s

not by works of righteousness which we
of God our Savior in all things.

have done, but according to His mercy

¹ He saved us, through the washing of ¹For the grace of God that
brings

regeneration and renewing of the Holy

salvation has appeared to all men, Spirit, ^{6 1} whom He poured out on
us abundantly ¹knowing that such a person is warped through Jesus
Christ our Savior, and sinning, being self-condemned.

^{7 12}

that having been justified by His grace When I send Artemas to you,
or

we should become heirs according to Tychicus, be diligent to come to
me at

the hope of eternal life. Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend

the winter there.

⁸This is a faithful saying, and these

¹³

things I want you to affirm constantly, Send Zenas the lawyer and
Apollos on

that those who have believed in God their journey with haste, that
they may

should be careful to maintain good lack nothing. works. These things
are good and

profitable to men. ^{1 4}And let our people also learn to

maintain good works, to meet urgent

'But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, needs, that they may not be
unfruitful.

contentions, and strivings about the law;

for they are unprofitable and useless. ¹ 5All who are with me greet
you. Greet

¹ with you all. Amen.

0Reject a divisive man after the first and those who love us in the
faith. Grace be

second admonition,

1st Letter of Apostle Paul to Brother Timothy

and murderers of mothers, for
manslayers,

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by 10 or fornicators, for sodomites,
for the commandment of God our Savior kidnappers, for liars, for
perjurers, and if and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, there is any
other thing that is contrary

2 to sound doctrine,

To Timothy, a true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our 1 1 according to the glorious
gospel of the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

blessed God which was committed to

3As I urged you when I went into my trust.

Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you 1 2And I thank Christ Jesus
our Lord who may charge some that they teach no

has enabled me, because He counted
other doctrine,

me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

4nor give heed to fables and endless 3although I was formerly a
blasphemer,

genealogies, which cause disputes

a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I
rather than godly edification which is in
obtained mercy because I did it
faith.

ignorantly in unbelief.

5Now the purpose of the commandment 4

1 And the grace of our Lord was
is love from a pure heart, from a good
exceedingly abundant, with faith and
conscience, and from sincere faith,
love which are in Christ Jesus.

6from which some, having strayed, have 5

1 This is a faithful saying and worthy of
turned aside to idle talk,
all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came

7 into the world to save sinners, of whom I
desiring to be teachers of the law, am chief.

understanding neither what they say nor

the things which they affirm. 1 6However, for this reason I obtained 8
mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ

But we know that the law is good if one might show all longsuffering,
as a

uses it lawfully, pattern to those who are going to

believe on Him for everlasting life.

'knowing this: that the law is not made

for a righteous person, but for the ¹ 7 Now to the King eternal,
immortal, lawless and insubordinate, for the invisible, to God who
alone is wise, be

ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy honor and glory forever and
ever. Amen.

and profane, for murderers of fathers ¹ 8 ' This charge I commit to you,
son ¹ I desire therefore that the men pray Timothy, according to the
prophecies everywhere, lifting up holy hands,

previously made concerning you, that by without wrath and doubting;
them you may wage the good warfare,

'in like manner also, that the women

¹ ' having faith and a good conscience, adorn themselves in modest
apparel,

which some having rejected, concerning with propriety and
moderation, not with

the faith have suffered shipwreck, braided hair or gold or pearls or
costly

clothing,

20

of whom are Hymenaeus and

¹ 0

Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan but, which is proper for women
that they may learn not to blaspheme. professing godliness, with good
works.

¹ 1 Let a woman learn in silence with all

2 Therefore I exhort first of all that submission.

supplications, prayers, intercessions, ¹ ²And I do not permit a woman to teach and giving of thanks be made for all men, or to have authority over a man, but to

be in silence.

²for kings and all who are in authority, ³For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

that we may lead a quiet and peaceable ¹

life in all godliness and reverence.

¹ ⁴

And Adam was not deceived, but the

³For this is good and acceptable in the woman being deceived, fell into sight of God our Savior, transgression.

⁴ ¹ who desires all men to be saved and to ⁵Nevertheless she will be saved in come to the knowledge of the truth. childbearing if they continue in faith,

love, and holiness, with self-control.

⁵For there is one God and one Mediator

between God and men, the Man Christ

Jesus, ³ This is a faithful saying: If a man

desires the position of a bishop, he

⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all, to desires a good work. be testified in due time,

²A bishop then must be blameless, the

⁷for which I was appointed a preacher husband of one wife, temperate, sober-

and an apostle--I am speaking the truth minded, of good behavior,
hospitable,

in Christ and not lying--a teacher of the able to teach; Gentiles in faith
and truth.

knot given to wine, not violent, not standing and great boldness in the
faith

greedy for money, but gentle, not which is in Christ Jesus.
quarrelsome, not covetous;

14

These things I write to you, though I

4 one who rules his own house well, hope to come to you shortly;
having his children in submission with all

reverence 1 5

but if I am delayed, I write so that you

may know how you ought to conduct

5(for if a man does not know how to rule yourself in the house of God,
which is

his own house, how will he take care of the church of the living God,
the pillar

the church of God?); and ground of the truth.

6 1 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with And without controversy
great is the pride he fall into the same mystery of godliness: God was
condemnation as the devil. manifested in the flesh, Justified in the

Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among

7 the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Moreover he must have a
good

testimony among those who are outside, Received up in glory. lest he
fall into reproach and the snare

of the devil.

4Now the Spirit expressly says that in

8Likewise deacons must be reverent, not latter times some will depart from the

double-tongued, not given to much wine, faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits

not greedy for money, and doctrines of demons,

holding the mystery of the faith with a 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their

pure conscience. own conscience seared with a hot iron,

10But let these also first be tested; then 3forbidding to marry, and commanding

let them serve as deacons, being found to abstain from foods which God created

blameless. to be received with thanksgiving by

those who believe and know the truth.

11Likewise, their wives must be reverent,

not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all 4 For every creature of God is good, and things. nothing is to be refused if it is received

with thanksgiving;

12

Let deacons be the husbands of one

wife, ruling their children and their own s for it is sanctified by the word of God houses well. and prayer.

13For those who have served well as

⁶ If you instruct the brethren in these

deacons obtain for themselves a good things, you will be a good minister of

Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of

faith and of the good doctrine which you

have carefully followed. ⁵Do not rebuke an older man, but

⁷ exhort him as a father, younger men as

But reject profane and old wives' fables, brothers,

and exercise yourself toward godliness.

²older women as mothers, younger

⁸For bodily exercise profits a little, but women as sisters, with all purity. godliness is profitable for all things,

having promise of the life that now is ³Honor widows who are really widows.

and of that which is to come.

⁴But if any widow has children or

'This is a faithful saying and worthy of grandchildren, let them first learn to

all acceptance. show piety at home and to repay their

¹ parents; for this is good and acceptable ⁰For to this end we both labor and

before God.

suffer reproach, because we trust in the

living God, who is the Savior of all men, ⁵Now she who is really a widow, and left especially of those who believe. alone, trusts in God and continues in

1 supplications and prayers night and day. 1These things command and teach.

6 But she who lives in pleasure is dead

12Let no one despise your youth, but be

while she lives.

an example to the believers in word, in

conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in 7And these things command, that they purity. may be blameless.

13Till I come, give attention to reading, to

8But if anyone does not provide for his

exhortation, to doctrine. own, and especially for those of his

1 household, he has denied the faith and

4

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, is worse than an unbeliever.

which was given to you by prophecy

with the laying on of the hands of the 9Do not let a widow under sixty years old eldership. be taken into the number, and not

1 man,

5Meditate on these things; give yourself unless she has been the wife of one

entirely to them, that your progress may

be evident to all. 10well reported for good works: if she 1 has brought up children, if she has

6 Take heed to yourself and to the lodged strangers, if she has washed the

doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing saints' feet, if she has relieved the

this you will save both yourself and afflicted, if she has diligently followed

those who hear you. every good work.

1 2 1 1 charge you before God and the Lord

But refuse the younger widows; for

when they have begun to grow wanton Jesus Christ and the elect angels that

against Christ, they desire to marry, you observe these things without
prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

12having condemnation because they

have cast off their first faith. 2 2

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily,
nor share in other people's sins; keep

13 yourself pure.

And besides they learn to be idle,

wandering about from house to house, 3No longer drink only water,
but use a

and not only idle but also gossips and 2

busybodies, saying things which they little wine for your stomach's
sake and

ought not. your frequent infirmities.

1 2 4 4Therefore I desire that the younger Some men's sins are clearly
evident, widows marry, bear children, manage preceding them to
judgment, but those

the house, give no opportunity to the of some men follow later.
adversary to speak reproachfully.

25 Likewise, the good works of some are

15 For some have already turned aside

clearly evident, and those that are
after Satan. otherwise cannot be hidden.

16 any believing man or woman has

widows, let them relieve them, and do 6 Let as many bondservants as
are

not let the church be burdened, that it

under the yoke count their own masters
may relieve those who are really widows.

worthy of all honor, so that the name of

1 God and His doctrine may not be 7 Let the elders who rule well be
blasphemed.

counted worthy of double honor,

especially those who labor in the word 2

And those who have believing masters,
and doctrine.

let them not despise them because they

1 are brethren, but rather serve them 8 For the Scripture says, "You
shall not

because those who are benefited are
muzzle an ox while it treads out the believers and beloved. Teach and

grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his exhort these things. wages."

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1 If anyone teaches otherwise and does ' Do not receive an accusation against not consent to wholesome words, even

an elder except from two or three the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and

witnesses. to the doctrine which accords with

2

0Those who are sinning rebuke in the godliness,

presence of all, that the rest also may 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is fear. obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, Jesus who witnessed the good strife, reviling, evil suspicions, confession before Pontius Pilate,

s 14

useless wranglings of men of corrupt that you keep this commandment minds and destitute of the truth, who without spot, blameless until our Lord

suppose that godliness is a means of Jesus Christ's appearing, gain. From such withdraw yourself.

1 5

which He will manifest in His own time,

6Now godliness with contentment is He who is the blessed and only great gain. Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of

lords,

7For we brought nothing into this world,

1 6

and it is certain we can carry nothing out. who alone has immortality, dwelling in

unapproachable light, whom no man

8 has seen or can see, to whom be honor And having food and clothing, with

these we shall be content. and everlasting power. Amen.

1 7 Command those who are rich in this

'But those who desire to be rich fall into

temptation and a snare, and into many present age not to be haughty, nor to

foolish and harmful lusts which drown trust in uncertain riches but in the living

men in destruction and perdition. God, who gives us richly all things to

enjoy.

10 For the love of money is a root of all 1

kinds of evil, for which some have Let them do good, that they be rich in 8

strayed from the faith in their greediness, good works, ready to give, willing to

and pierced themselves through with share, many sorrows.

1 ' storing up for themselves a good

11 foundation for the time to come, that

But you, O man of God, flee these

things they may lay hold on eternal life. and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience,

gentleness. 0 Timothy! 2 0

Guard what was

committed to your trust, avoiding the

¹²Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on

profane and idle babblings and

eternal life, to which you were also contradictions of what is falsely called

called and have confessed the good knowledge--confession in the presence of many

²¹

witnesses. by professing it some have strayed

concerning the faith. Grace be with you.

¹³urge you in the sight of God who Amen. gives life to all things, and

before Christ **2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to
Brother Timothy**

'who has saved us and called us with a

holy calling, not according to our works,

¹ but according to His own purpose and Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by

grace which was given to us in Christ

the will of God, according to the promise Jesus before time began, of life which is in Christ Jesus,

¹ 0

² but has now been revealed by the

To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ,

mercy, and peace from God the Father who has abolished death and brought

and Christ Jesus our Lord. life and immortality to light through the

I thank God, whom I serve with a pure gospel,

conscience, as my forefathers did, as ¹to which I was appointed a preacher, without ceasing I remember you in my an apostle, and a teacher of the

prayers night and day, Gentiles.

⁴greatly desiring to see you, being ²

¹ For this reason I also suffer these

mindful of your tears, that I may be filled things; nevertheless I am not ashamed,

with joy, for I know whom I have believed and am

persuaded that He is able to keep what I

swhen I call to remembrance the have committed to Him until that Day.

genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt

first in your grandmother Lois and your ¹ ³

Hold fast the pattern of sound words

mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in

which you have heard from me, in faith

you also. and love which are in Christ Jesus.

⁶Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift ⁴

¹ That good thing which was committed

of God which is in you through the

to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who

laying on of my hands.

dwells in us.

7For God has not given us a spirit of fear, 5This you know, that all those in Asia

1

but of power and of love and of a sound

have turned away from me, among
mind. whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

8Therefore do not be ashamed of the 6The Lord grant mercy to the household

1

testimony of our Lord, nor of me His of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed

prisoner, but share with me in the me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

sufferings for the gospel according to

the power of God,

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but when he arrived in Rome, he for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer,

sought me out very zealously and found even to the point of chains; but the word

me. of God is not chained.

11 ' The Lord grant to him that he may find 0Therefore I endure all things for the mercy from the Lord in that Day--and sake of the elect, that they also may

you know very well how many ways he obtain the salvation which is in Christ

ministered to me at Ephesus. Jesus with eternal glory.

1 1 This is a faithful saying: For if we died

2 with Him, We shall also live with Him. You therefore, my son, be strong in

the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 1 2 we endure, We shall also reign with 2 Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny

And the things that you have heard

from me among many witnesses, uS.

commit these to faithful men who will be 1 3 we are faithless, He remains faithful; able to teach others also.

He cannot deny Himself.

3 You therefore must endure hardship as 1 4 Remind them of these things, charging a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

them before the Lord not to strive about

4 words to no profit, to the ruin of the

No one engaged in warfare entangles

hearers.

himself with the affairs of this life, that

he may please him who enlisted him as 15 Be diligent to present yourself a soldier.

approved to God, a worker who does

5 not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing

And also if anyone competes in

the word of truth.

athletics, he is not crowned unless he

competes according to the rules. 16But shun profane and idle babblings,

6 for they will increase to more The hardworking farmer must be first to

ungodliness.

partake of the crops.

1 7And their message will spread like

give you understanding in all things. cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of 7Consider what I say, and may the Lord

this sort,

8Remember that Jesus Christ, of the 8who have strayed concerning the truth,

1

seed of David, was raised from the dead

according to my gospel, saying that the resurrection is already

past; and they overthrow the faith of

some.

1 2 9Nevertheless the solid foundation of

For men will be lovers of themselves,

God stands, having this seal: "The Lord loves of money, boasters, proud,

knows those who are His," and, "Let blasphemers, disobedient to parents,

everyone who names the name of Christ unthankful, unholy, depart from iniquity."

3

unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,

20

But in a great house there are not only without self-control, brutal, despisers of

vessels of gold and silver, but also of good, wood and clay, some for honor and

some for dishonor. 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of

pleasure rather than lovers of God,

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself

from the latter, he will be a vessel for service having a form of godliness but denying honor, sanctified and useful for the power. And from such people turn

Master, prepared for every good work. away!

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue 6 For of this sort are those who creep into righteousness, faith, love, peace with households and make captives of

those who call on the Lord out of a pure gullible women loaded down with sins,

heart. led away by various lusts,

23But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes,

7always learning and never able to come

knowing that they generate strife. to the knowledge of the truth.

24 And a servant of the Lord must not 'Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted

quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, Moses, so do these also resist the truth:

patient, men of corrupt minds, disapproved

2

5in humility correcting those who are in concerning the faith;

opposition, if God perhaps will grant 9 but they will progress no further, for them repentance, so that they may their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs

know the truth, also was.

21 6 and that they may come to their 0But you have carefully followed my senses and escape the snare of the doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith,

devil, having been taken captive by him longsuffering, love, perseverance, to do his will.

1 1persecutions, afflictions, which

happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium,

3But know this, that in the last days at Lystra--what persecutions I endured.

perilous times will come: And out of them all the Lord delivered

me.

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in and they will turn their ears away from

Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

1 5 3But evil men and impostors will grow

But you be watchful in all things,

worse and worse, deceiving and being endure afflictions, do the work of an

deceived. evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1 6 4

But you must continue in the things For I am already being poured out as a

which you have learned and been drink offering, and the time of my

assured of, knowing from whom you departure is at hand. have learned them,

71 have fought the good fight, I have

15

and that from childhood you have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

known the Holy Scriptures, which are

able to make you wise for salvation 8Finally, there is laid up for me the through faith which is in Christ Jesus. crown of righteousness, which the Lord,

1 that Day, and not to me only but also to

6All Scripture is given by inspiration of the righteous Judge, will give to me on

God, and is profitable for doctrine, for all who have loved His appearing. reproof, for correction, for instruction in

righteousness, 9Be diligent to come to me quickly;

11 7 hat the man of God may be complete, 0 or Demas has forsaken me, having thoroughly equipped for every good loved this present world, and has

work. departed for Thessalonica--Crescens for

Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

41 charge you therefore before God 11

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and

and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring him with you, for he is useful to me

judge the living and the dead at His for ministry. appearing and His kingdom:

12

And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

2Preach the word! Be ready in season 3Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus

and out of season. Convince, rebuke, 1

exhort, with all longsuffering and at Troas when you come--and the books,

teaching. especially the parchments.

3For the time will come when they will 14Alexander the coppersmith did me not endure sound doctrine, but much harm. May the Lord

repay him according to their own desires, because according to his works. they have itching ears, they will heap up

for themselves teachers; ¹ 5 ou also must beware of him, for he

has greatly resisted our words.

¹ 6 At my first defense no one stood with

' Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the

me, but all forsook me. May it not be household of Onesiphorus. charged against them.

² 0 Erastus stayed in Corinth, but

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But the Lord stood with me and Trophimus I have left in Miletus sick.

strengthened me, so that the message

might be preached fully through me, and ² 1

Do your utmost to come before winter.

that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I Eubulus greets you, as well as Pudens,

was delivered out of the mouth of the Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren. lion.

² 2

¹ The Lord Jesus Christ be with your ⁸ And the Lord will deliver me from

spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.

every evil work and preserve me for His

heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory

forever and ever. Amen!

2nd Letter of Apostle Peter

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and 'For he who lacks these things is
apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who shortsighted, even to blindness,
and has

have obtained like precious faith with us forgotten that he was
cleansed from his

by the righteousness of our God and old sins. Savior Jesus Christ:

1 0Therefore, brethren, be even more

2Grace and peace be multiplied to you in diligent to make your call
and election

the knowledge of God and of Jesus our sure, for if you do these things
you will

Lord, never stumble;

h 1 1 or so an entrance will be supplied to as His divine power has
given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, you
abundantly into the everlasting

through the knowledge of Him who kingdom of our Lord and Savior
Jesus

called us by glory and virtue, Christ.

4 12

by which have been given to us For this reason I will not be negligent
exceedingly great and precious to remind you always of these things,
promises, that through these you may though you know and are
established in

be partakers of the divine nature, having the present truth. escaped
the corruption that is in the

world through lust. ¹³ es, I think it is right, as long as I am

in this tent, to stir you up by reminding

⁵But also for this very reason, giving all you, diligence, add to your faith virtue, to

virtue knowledge, ¹⁴ knowing that shortly I must put off my

tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ

⁶to knowledge self-control, to self-control showed me. perseverance, to perseverance

godliness, ¹⁵ Moreover I will be careful to ensure

that you always have a reminder of

⁷to godliness brotherly kindness, and to these things after my decease. brotherly kindness love.

¹⁶ For we did not follow cunningly

⁸For if these things are yours and devised fables when we made known to

abound, you will be neither barren nor you the power and coming of our Lord

unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of

Jesus Christ. His majesty.

¹⁷

For He received from God the Father

honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: sand did not spare the ancient world, but "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am saved Noah, one of eight people, a

well pleased." preacher of righteousness, bringing in

the flood on the world of the ungodly;

¹ ' And we heard this voice which came

from heaven when we were with Him on ⁶and turning the cities of Sodom and the holy mountain. Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them

to destruction, making them an example

¹ to those who afterward would live ' And so we have the prophetic word

confirmed, which you do well to heed as ungodly; a light that shines in a dark place, until

the day dawns and the morning star ⁷and delivered righteous Lot, who was rises in your hearts; oppressed by the filthy conduct of the

wicked

²⁰knowing this first, that no prophecy of

Scripture is of any private interpretation, '(for that righteous man, dwelling among

them, tormented his righteous soul from

²¹ or prophecy never came by the will of day to day by seeing and hearing their

man, but holy men of God spoke as they lawless deeds)--were moved by the Holy Spirit.

⁹ then the Lord knows how to deliver the

godly out of temptations and to reserve

²But there were also false prophets the unjust under punishment for the day

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among the people, even as there will be

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false teachers among you, who will ¹ 0and especially those who walk secretly bring in destructive heresies, according to the flesh in the lust of even denying the Lord who bought them, uncleanness and despise

authority. and bring on themselves swift They are presumptuous, self-willed. destruction. They are not afraid to speak evil of ² dignitaries,

of judgment,

And many will follow their destructive

ways, because of whom the way of truth ¹ 1whereas angels, who are greater in will be blasphemed.

power and might, do not bring a reviling

³ accusation against them before the Lord. By covetousness they will exploit you

with deceptive words; for a long time ¹²

But these, like natural brute beasts

their judgment has not been idle, and

made to be caught and destroyed,

their destruction does not slumber.

they speak evil of the things they do not

⁴ understand, and will utterly perish in

For if God did not spare the angels who their own corruption,

sinned, but cast them down to hell and

delivered them into chains of darkness,

to be reserved for judgment;

^h and will receive the wages of and overcome, the latter end is worse

unrighteousness, as those who count it for them than the beginning. pleasure to carouse in the daytime.

They ² ¹ are spots and blemishes,

For it would have been better for them

carousing in their own deceptions while not to have known the way of

they feast with you, righteousness, than having known it, to

turn from the holy commandment

¹⁴having eyes full of adultery and that

delivered to them.

cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable

souls. They have a heart trained in ² 2But it has happened to them according covetous practices, and are accursed to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his

children. own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed,

¹

⁵They have forsaken the right way and to her wallowing in the mire."

gone astray, following the way of

Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the ³BeIoved, I now write to you this

wages of unrighteousness;

second epistle (in both of which I stir up

¹ your pure minds by way of reminder), ⁶ but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a

dumb donkey speaking with a man's ² that you may be mindful of the words voice restrained the madness of the which were spoken before by the holy prophet. prophets, and of the commandment of

¹ us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, ⁷These are wells without water, clouds

carried by a tempest, for whom is ³knowing this first: that scoffers will

reserved the blackness of darkness

forever. come in the last days, walking according

to their own lusts,

18For when they speak great swelling

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of
words of emptiness, they allure through

His coming? For since the fathers fell
the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness,

asleep, all things continue as they were
the ones who have actually escaped
from those who live in error. from the beginning of creation."

1 they promise them liberty, they

' While 5For this they willfully forget: that by the

word of God the heavens were of old,
themselves are slaves of corruption; for

and the earth standing out of water and
by whom a person is overcome, by him

in the water,
also he is brought into bondage.

2 by which the world that then existed

0For if, after they have escaped the 6

pollutions of the world through the perished, being flooded with
water.

knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus 7But the heavens and the

earth which Christ, they are again entangled in them

are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of 13Nevertheless we, according to His judgment and perdition of ungodly men. promise, look for new heavens and a

new earth in which righteousness dwells.

8But, beloved, do not forget this one 4Therefore, beloved, looking forward to

thing, that with the Lord one day is as a 1

thousand years, and a thousand years these things, be diligent to be found by

as one day. Him in peace, without spot and

blameless;

"The Lord is not slack concerning His

1 5

promise, as some count slackness, but and consider that the longsuffering of

is longsuffering toward us, not willing our Lord is salvation--as also our

that any should perish but that all should beloved brother Paul, according to the

come to repentance. wisdom given to him, has written to you,

1 1 0But the day of the Lord will come as a

6

as also in all his epistles, speaking in

thief in the night, in which the heavens them of these things, in which are some

will pass away with a great noise, and things hard to understand,
which

the elements will melt with fervent heat; untaught and unstable
people twist to

both the earth and the works that are in their own destruction, as they
do also

it will be burned up. the rest of the Scriptures.

11 7 ou therefore, beloved, since you 1Therefore, since all these things
will be dissolved, what manner of persons know this beforehand,
beware lest you

ought you to be in holy conduct and also fall from your own
steadfastness,

godliness, being led away with the error of the

wicked;

12 ooking for and hastening the coming

of the day of God, because of which the 1 8

but grow in the grace and knowledge

heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, of our Lord and Savior Jesus
Christ. To

and the elements will melt with fervent Him be the glory both now
and forever.

heat? Amen.



The Teacher

¹1

There is no remembrance of former
things, Nor will there be any

1 remembrance of things that are to come The words of the Preacher,
the son

By those who will come after.

of David, king in Jerusalem.

¹2)

2 , the Preacher, was king over Israel in

Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher;

Jerusalem.

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

¹ 3

3What profit has a man from all his labor And I set my heart to seek
and search

out by wisdom concerning all that is

In which he toils under the sun?

done under heaven; this burdensome

4 task God has given to the sons of man,

One generation passes away, and by which they may be exercised.

another generation comes; But the earth

abides forever. ¹⁴a have seen all the works that are done ⁵ under the
sun; and indeed, all is vanity

The sun also rises, and the sun goes and grasping for the wind.
down, And hastens to the place where it
arose. 15

What is crooked cannot be made
6 straight, And what is lacking cannot be
The wind goes toward the south, And numbered.
turns around to the north; The wind
whirls about continually, And comes 16 communed with my heart,
saying, again on its circuit. "Look, I have attained greatness, and
7 have gained more wisdom than all who
All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the were before me in Jerusalem.
My heart
sea is not full; To the place from which has understood great wisdom
and
the rivers come, There they return again. knowledge."

8 1 All things are full of labor; Man cannot 7 And I set my heart to
know wisdom express it. The eye is not satisfied with and to know
madness and folly. I

seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. perceived that this also is
grasping for

the wind.

"That which has been is what will be,

That which is done is what will be done, 18 For in much wisdom is
much grief, And And there is nothing new under the sun. he who
increases knowledge increases

sorrow.

10 s there anything of which it may be

said, "See, this is new"? It has already

been in ancient times before us.

10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not

21 said in my heart, "Come now, I will keep from them. I did not withhold my

test you with mirth; therefore enjoy heart from any pleasure, For my heart

rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my pleasure"; but surely, this also was vanity. reward from all my labor.

1 1

2 Then I looked on all the works that my

1 said of laughter--"Madness!"; and of

hands had done And on the labor in mirth, "What does it accomplish?"

which I had toiled; And indeed all was

I I searched in my heart how to gratify vanity and grasping for the wind. There

was no profit under the sun.

my flesh with wine, while guiding my

heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold 1 2 Then I turned myself to consider on folly, till I might see what was good wisdom and madness and folly; For the sons of men to do under heaven what can the man do who succeeds the all the days of their lives. king?-- Only what he has already done.

41 made my works great, I built myself 3

1 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As

houses, and planted myself vineyards.

light excels darkness.

51 made myself gardens and orchards, 4

1 The wise man's eyes are in his head,

and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in

But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I

them.

myself perceived That the same event

6 happens to them all.

1 made myself water pools from which

to water the growing trees of the grove. 1 5

So I said in my heart, "As it happens to

7 the fool, It also happens to me, And why

1 acquired male and female servants, was I then more wise?" Then I said in

and had servants born in my house. Yes, my heart, "This also is vanity." I had greater possessions of herds and

flocks than all who were in Jerusalem 16For there is no more remembrance of before me.

the wise than of the fool forever, Since

8 all that now is will be forgotten in the

1 also gathered for myself silver and days to come. And how does a wise

gold and the special treasures of kings man die? As the fool! and of the provinces. I acquired male

and female singers, the delights of the 17Therefore I hated life because

the sons of men, and musical instruments of

work that was done under the sun was
all kinds.

distressing to me, for all is vanity and
grasping for the wind.

'So I became great and excelled more

than all who were before me in ¹8Then I hated all my labor in
which I Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained

had toiled under the sun, because I
with me.

must leave it to the man who will come

after me. ³To everything there is a season, A

¹ time for every purpose under heaven: ⁹And who knows whether he
will be

wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all ²

A time to be born, And a time to die; A

my labor in which I toiled and in which I time to plant, And a time to
pluck what is

have shown myself wise under the sun.

planted;

This also is vanity.

² EA time to kill, And a time to heal; A time ⁰Therefore I turned my
heart and to break down, And a time to build up; despaired of all the
labor in which I had

toiled under the sun. 4

A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A

2 time to mourn, And a time to dance; 1For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he 5

must leave his heritage to a man who A time to cast away stones, And a time

has not labored for it. This also is vanity to gather stones; A time to embrace,

and a great evil. And a time to refrain from embracing;

2 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A For what has man for all his labor, and

2 6

for the striving of his heart with which he time to keep, And a time to throw away;

has toiled under the sun? 7A time to tear, And a time to sew; A 23 time to keep silence, And a time to

For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his speak;

heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. 8A time to love, And a time to hate; A

24Nothing is better for a man than that

time of war, And a time of peace.

he should eat and drink, and that his

soul should enjoy good in his labor. This 'What profit has the worker from that in

also, I saw, was from the hand of God. which he labors?

21 0a have seen the God-given task with 5For who can eat, or who can
have enjoyment, more than I? which the sons of men are to be

occupied.

26For God gives wisdom and knowledge

1 1

and joy to a man who is good in His He has made everything beautiful
in its

sight; but to the sinner He gives the time. Also He has put eternity in
their

work of gathering and collecting, that he hearts, except that no one
can find out

may give to him who is good before God. the work that God does from
beginning

This also is vanity and grasping for the to end. wind.

1 2 2 know that nothing is better for them 1

Who knows the spirit of the sons of

than to rejoice, and to do good in their men, which goes upward, and
the spirit

lives, of the animal, which goes down to the

earth?

h and also that every man should eat

2 2

and drink and enjoy the good of all his So I perceived that nothing is
better

labor--it is the gift of God. than that a man should rejoice in his

own works, for that is his heritage. For

¹⁴ know that whatever God does, It shall who can bring him to see
what will

be forever. Nothing can be added to it, happen after him? And nothing
taken from it. God does it,

that men should fear before Him.

⁴Then I returned and considered all

¹⁵That which is has already been, And

the oppression that is done under the

what is to be has already been; And sun: And look! The tears of the

God requires an account of what is past. oppressed, But they have no
comforter--

On the side of their oppressors there is

¹⁶Moreover I saw under the sun: In the power, But they have no
comforter. place of judgment, Wickedness was

there; And in the place of righteousness, ² Therefore I praised the dead
who were Iniquity was there. already dead, More than the living who

are still alive.

^{1 7} said in my heart, "God shall judge the

righteous and the wicked, For there is a ³Yet, better than both is he
who has

time there for every purpose and for never existed, Who has not seen
the

every work." evil work that is done under the sun.

^{1'} I said in my heart, "Concerning the Again, I saw that for all toil and
every

condition of the sons of men, God tests skillful work a man is envied
by his

them, that they may see that they neighbor. This also is vanity and
themselves are like animals." grasping for the wind.

15 ' For what happens to the sons of men The fool folds his hands And
consumes also happens to animals; one thing his own flesh. befalls
them: as one dies, so dies the

other. Surely, they all have one breath; 6

Better a handful with quietness Than
man has no advantage over animals, for
both hands full, together with toil and
all is vanity.

grasping for the wind.

20 All go to one place: all are from the

7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under
dust, and all return to dust.

the sun:

8 There is one alone, without companion:

He has neither son nor brother. Yet 5 Walk prudently when you go to
the

there is no end to all his labors, Nor is

house of God; and draw near to hear
his eye satisfied with riches. But he rather than to give the sacrifice of
fools,

never asks, "For whom do I toil and

for they do not know that they do evil.
deprive myself of good?" This also is

vanity and a grave misfortune. 2

Do not be rash with your mouth, And let
not your heart utter anything hastily

"Two are better than one, Because they

before God. For God is in heaven, and
have a good reward for their labor.

you on earth; Therefore let your words

1 be few. 0For if they fall, one will lift up his

companion. But woe to him who is alone 3For a dream comes through
much

when he falls, For he has no one to help activity, And a fool's voice is
known by

him up.

his many words.

11

Again, if two lie down together, they 4

When you make a vow to God, do not
will keep warm; But how can one be

delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure
warm alone? in fools. Pay what you have vowed--

12

Though one may be overpowered by 5

Better not to vow than to vow and not
another, two can withstand him. And a

pay.

threefold cord is not quickly broken.

1 Better a poor and wise youth Than an to sin, nor say before the messenger of

3 6Do not let your mouth cause your flesh

old and foolish king who will be God that it was an error. Why should admonished no more. God be angry at your excuse and

1 destroy the work of your hands? 4For he comes out of prison to be king, Although he was born poor in his 7

For in the multitude of dreams and kingdom.

many words there is also vanity. But

1 fear God. 5a saw all the living who walk under the sun; They were with the second youth 8

If you see the oppression of the poor, who stands in his place. and the violent perversion of justice and

1 righteousness in a province, do not 6There was no end of all the people

marvel at the matter; for high official over whom he was made king; Yet watches over high official, and higher

those who come afterward will not officials are over them. rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity

and grasping for the wind. 'Moreover the profit of the land is for all;

even the king is served from the field.

10He who loves silver will not be

of his life which God gives him; for it is

satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves his heritage. abundance, with
increase. This also is

vanity. 1' As for every man to whom God has

given riches and wealth, and given him

11

When goods increase, They increase power to eat of it, to receive
his heritage

who eat them; So what profit have the and rejoice in his labor--this is
the gift of

owners Except to see them with their God. eyes?

2 0For he will not dwell unduly on the

12The sleep of a laboring man is sweet,

days of his life, because God keeps him

Whether he eats little or much; But the busy with the joy of his heart.
abundance of the rich will not permit him

to sleep.

1 6There is an evil which I have seen 3There is a severe evil which I
have

under the sun, and it is common among

seen under the sun: Riches kept for men: their owner to his hurt.

1 But those riches perish through and wealth and honor, so that he lacks

4 2 A man to whom God has given riches

misfortune; When he begets a son, nothing for himself of all he desires; yet

there is nothing in his hand.

God does not give him power to eat of it,

1 but a foreigner consumes it. This is

5 he came from his mother's womb, As vanity, and it is an evil affliction.

naked shall he return, To go as he

came; And he shall take nothing from E

If a man begets a hundred children and

his labor Which he may carry away in

lives many years, so that the days of his

his hand. years are many, but his soul is not

1 satisfied with goodness, or indeed he 6 And this also is a severe evil-- Just

has no burial, I say that a stillborn child

exactly as he came, so shall he go. And is better than he--what profit has he who has labored for

the wind? 4

for it comes in vanity and departs in

1 darkness, and its name is covered with 7 All his days he also eats in

darkness, darkness.

And he has much sorrow and sickness

and anger. 5

Though it has not seen the sun or

1 known anything, this has more rest than

' Here is what I have seen: It is good that man,

and fitting for one to eat and drink, and

to enjoy the good of all his labor in Seven if he lives a thousand years
twice-

which he toils under the sun all the days

-but has not seen goodness. Do not all

go to one place?

7 5 All the labor of man is for his mouth, It is better to hear the rebuke
of the And yet the soul is not satisfied. wise Than for a man to hear
the song of

fools.

8 For what more has the wise man than

the fool? What does the poor man have, 6For like the crackling of
thorns under a Who knows how to walk before the pot, So is the
laughter of the fool. This

living? also is vanity.

'Better is the sight of the eyes than the 7Surely oppression destroys a
wise wandering of desire. This also is vanity man's reason, And a bribe
debases the

and grasping for the wind. heart.

1 8 0Whatever one is, he has been named

The end of a thing is better than its

beginning; The patient in
spirit is better

And he cannot contend with Him who is
mightier than he.

'Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,

11

Since there are many things that For anger rests in the bosom of
fools.

increase vanity, How is man the better?

10 Do not say, "Why were the former

12

For who knows what is good for man days better than these?" For
you do not

in life, all the days of his vain life which inquire wisely
concerning this. he passes like a shadow? Who can tell

a man what will happen after him under 11

wisdom is good with an inheritance,

the sun? And profitable to those who see the sun.

1 2

For wisdom is a defense as money is

7 A good name is better than precious a defense, But the excellence of
ointment, And the day of death than the knowledge is that wisdom
gives life to

day of one's birth; those who have it.

213 Consider the work of God; For who

Better to go to the house of mourning

Than to go to the house of feasting, For can make straight what He has made

that is the end of all men; And the living crooked? will take it to heart.

1 4 n the day of prosperity be joyful, But

3 in the day of adversity consider: Surely Sorrow is better than laughter, For by a

sad countenance the heart is made God has appointed the one as well as

better. the other, So that man can find out

nothing that will come after him.

4The heart of the wise is in the house of 5a have seen everything in my days of

mourning, But the heart of fools is in the 1

house of mirth. vanity: There is a just man who perishes in his righteousness, And there is a 2 6And I find more bitter than death The wicked man who prolongs life in his woman whose heart is snares and nets,

wickedness. Whose hands are fetters. He who

pleases God shall escape from her, But

16 the sinner shall be trapped by her.

Do not be overly righteous, Nor be

overly wise: Why should you destroy

yourself? 2 7 Here is what I have found," says the

Preacher, "Adding one thing to the other

17 to find out the reason,

Do not be overly wicked, Nor be

foolish: Why should you die before your 8Which my soul still seeks
but I cannot

time? 2

find: One man among a thousand I have

18 I is good that you grasp this, And also

found, But a woman among all these I

not remove your hand from the other; have not found. For he who
fears God will escape them

all. 2' Truly, this only I have found: That God

made man upright, But they have

1 sought out many schemes." ' Wisdom strengthens the wise More than
ten rulers of the city.

20For there is not a just man on earth

8Who is like a wise man? And who

who does good And does not sin. knows the interpretation of a thing?
A

man's wisdom makes his face shine,

21Also do not take to heart everything And the sternness of his face is
people say, Lest you hear your servant changed. cursing you.

21 say, "Keep the king's commandment

22 For many times, also, your own heart for the sake of your oath to
God. has known That even you have cursed

others. 3Do not be hasty to go from his

presence. Do not take your stand for an

23All this I have proved by wisdom. I said,

evil thing, for he does whatever pleases

"I will be wise"; But it was far from me. him."

244

As for that which is far off and Where the word of a king is, there is
exceedingly deep, Who can find it out? power; And who may say to
him, "What

are you doing?"

25 applied my heart to know, To search

and seek out wisdom and the reason of 5He who keeps his command
will things, To know the wickedness of folly, experience nothing
harmful; And a wise

Even of foolishness and madness. man's heart discerns both time and

judgment, 6Because for every matter
there is a whom it happens
according to the work

time and judgment, Though the misery of the righteous. I said that
this also is

of man increases greatly. vanity.

715

For he does not know what will happen; So I commended enjoyment,
because

So who can tell him when it will occur? a man has nothing better
under the sun

than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this

8 will remain with him in his labor all the No one has power over the
spirit to

retain the spirit, And no one has power days of his life which God
gives him

in the day of death. There is no release under the sun.

from that war, And wickedness will not know
6When I applied my heart to

deliver those who are given to it. 1

wisdom and to see the business that is

'All this I have seen, and applied my done on earth, even though one
sees no

heart to every work that is done under sleep day or night, the sun:
There is a time in which one

17

man rules over another to his own hurt. then I saw all the work of
God, that a

man cannot find out the work that is

10Then I saw the wicked buried, who

done under the sun. For though a man

had come and gone from the place of labors to discover it, yet he will
not find

holiness, and they were forgotten in the it; moreover, though a wise
man

city where they had so done. This also attempts to know it, he will not
be able

is vanity. to find it.

11Because the sentence against an evil

work is not executed speedily, therefore 9 For I considered all this in
my heart, the heart of the sons of men is fully set so that I could
declare it all: that the

in them to do evil. righteous and the wise and their works

¹ neither love nor hatred by anything they

²Though a sinner does evil a hundred are in the hand of God. People know

times, and his days are prolonged, yet I see before them. surely know that it will be well with those

who fear God, who fear before Him. ²All things come alike to all: One event

¹ wicked; To the good, the clean, and the

³But it will not be well with the wicked; happens to the righteous and the

nor will he prolong his days, which are unclean; To him who sacrifices and him

as a shadow, because he does not fear who does not sacrifice. As is the good,

before God. so is the sinner; He who takes an oath

as he who fears an oath.

¹⁴

There is a vanity which occurs on

earth, that there are just men to whom it ³This is an evil in all that is done under

happens according to the work of the the sun: that one thing happens to all.

wicked; again, there are wicked men to Truly the hearts of the sons of men are

full of evil; madness is in their hearts For man also does not know his time:

while they live, and after that they go to Like fish taken in a cruel net,
Like birds

the dead. caught in a snare, So the sons of men

are snared in an evil time, When it falls

⁴ suddenly upon them. But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better

1 3

than a dead lion. This wisdom I have also seen under

the sun, and it seemed great to me:

⁵For the living know that they will die; ⁴There was a little city with few men in

But the dead know nothing, And they ¹

have no more reward, For the memory it; and a great king came against it,

of them is forgotten. besieged it, and built great snares

around it.

⁶Also their love, their hatred, and their ⁵Now there was found in it a poor wise

envy have now perished; Nevermore will ¹

they have a share In anything done man, and he by his wisdom delivered

under the sun. the city. Yet no one remembered that

same poor man.

7Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink 6Then I said: "Wisdom is better than

your wine with a merry heart; For God 1

has already accepted your works. strength. Nevertheless the poor man's

wisdom is despised, And his words are

8 not heard. Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

1 7

Words of the wise, spoken quietly,

'Live joyfully with the wife whom you should be heard Rather than the shout

love all the days of your vain life which of a ruler of fools. He has given you under the sun, all your

days of vanity; for that is your portion in 18

wi sdom is better than weapons of war;

life, and in the labor which you perform But one sinner destroys much good."

under the sun.

10Whatever your hand finds to do, do it 1 ODead flies putrefy the perfumer's with your might; for there is no work or

ointment, And cause it to give off a foul

device or knowledge or wisdom in the

odor; So does a little folly to one

grave where you are going.

respected for wisdom and honor.

11a returned and saw under the sun that-

2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand,

- The race is not to the swift, Nor the But a fool's heart at his left.
battle to the strong, Nor bread to the

wise, Nor riches to men of 3Even when a fool walks along the way,
understanding, Nor favor to men of skill;

But time and chance happen to them all. He lacks wisdom, And he
shows

everyone that he is a fool.

4 1 If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, 5The labor of fools
wearies them, For Do not leave your post; For conciliation they do not
even know how to go to the

pacifies great offenses. city!

5 1 6

There is an evil I have seen under the Woe to you, O land, when your
king is

sun, As an error proceeding from the a child, And your princes feast in
the

ruler: morning!

6 1 Folly is set in great dignity, While the 7Blessed are you, O land,
when your rich sit in a lowly place. king is the son of nobles, And your

princes feast at the proper time-- For

7 strength and not for drunkenness! 1 have seen servants on horses,
While princes walk on the ground like servants.

1 ' Because of laziness the building

8 decays, And through idleness of hands He who digs a pit will fall
into it, And

whoever breaks through a wall will be the house leaks. bitten by a serpent.

1 ' A feast is made for laughter, And wine

'He who quarries stones may be hurt by makes merry; But money answers

them, And he who splits wood may be everything.

endangered by it. ODo not curse the king, even in your

2

10) the ax is dull, And one does not

thought; Do not curse the rich, even in

sharpen the edge, Then he must use your bedroom; For a bird of the air may

more strength; But wisdom brings carry your voice, And a bird in flight may

success. tell the matter.

11

A serpent may bite when it is not

charmed; The babbler is no different. 1 1 Cast your bread upon the waters,

For you will find it after many days.

12

The words of a wise man's mouth are

gracious, But the lips of a fool shall 2 Give a serving to seven, and also to swallow him up; eight, For you do not know what evil will

be on the earth.

The words of his mouth begin with
foolishness, And the end of his talk is 3 f the clouds are full of rain,
They empty
raving madness. themselves upon the earth; And if a tree
falls to the south or the north, In the
14 A fool also multiplies words. No man place where the tree falls,
there it shall

knows what is to be; Who can tell him lie.

what will be after him?

42 He who observes the wind will not sow, While the sun and the
light, The moon And he who regards the clouds will not and the stars,
Are not darkened, And

reap. the clouds do not return after the rain;

53

As you do not know what is the way of In the day when the keepers of
the

the wind, Or how the bones grow in the house tremble, And the strong
men bow

womb of her who is with child, So you down; When the grinders cease

do not know the works of God who because they are few, And those that

makes everything. look through the windows grow dim;

64 In the morning sow your seed, And in When the doors are shut in the streets, the evening do not withhold your hand; And the sound of grinding is low; When

For you do not know which will prosper, one rises up at the sound of
a bird, And

Either this or that, Or whether both alike all the daughters of music
are brought

will be good. low.

7 5 Truly the light is sweet, And it is Also they are afraid of height, And
of pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun; terrors in the way; When
the almond

tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a

8 burden, And desire fails. For man goes But if a man lives many years
And

rejoices in them all, Yet let him to his eternal home, And the mourners

remember the days of darkness, For go about the streets. they will be
many. All that is coming is

vanity. 6Remember your Creator before the

silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl

'Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, is broken, Or the pitcher
shattered at the

And let your heart cheer you in the days fountain, Or the wheel
broken at the well.

of your youth; Walk in the ways of your

heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But 7Then the dust will return to
the earth as know that for all these God will bring you it was, And the
spirit will return to God

into judgment. who gave it.

1 8 0Therefore remove sorrow from your

Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher,

heart, And put away evil from your flesh, "All is vanity." For childhood
and youth are vanity.

'And moreover, because the Preacher

was wise, he still taught the people

1 knowledge; yes, he pondered and 2Remember now your Creator
in

sought out and set in order many

the days of your youth, Before the

proverbs.

difficult days come, And the years draw

near when you say, "I have no pleasure

in them":

10The Preacher sought to find

is no end, and much study is wearisome

acceptable words; and what was written to the flesh. was upright--
words of truth.

13Let us hear the conclusion of the

11

The words of the wise are like goads, whole matter: Fear God and
keep His

and the words of scholars are like well- commandments, For this is
man's all. driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

1 4

For God will bring every work into

12

And further, my son, be admonished judgment, Including every
secret thing,

by these. Of making many books there Whether good or evil.

Proverbs of King Solomon

1 2

Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,

And whole, like those who go down to

1 the Pit; The proverbs of Solomon the son of

David, king of Israel: 1 3We shall find all kinds of precious 2
possessions, We shall fill our houses

To know wisdom and instruction, To with spoil;

perceive the words of understanding,

3 Cast in your lot among us, Let us all 1 4

To receive the instruction of wisdom,

have one purse"--

Justice, judgment, and equity;

1 5My son, do not walk in the way with

4To give prudence to the simple, To the them, Keep your foot from
their path;

young man knowledge and discretion--

1 6For their feet run to evil, And they

5A wise man will hear and increase

make haste to shed blood.

learning, And a man of understanding

will attain wise counsel, 1 7 Surely, in vain the net is spread In the 6
sight of any bird;

To understand a proverb and an

enigma, The words of the wise and their 1 8But they lie in wait for
their own blood, riddles. They lurk secretly for their own lives.

7The fear of the LORD is the beginning

of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom 1 ' So are the ways of
everyone who is

and instruction. greedy for gain; It takes away the life of

its owners.

8My son, hear the instruction of your 0

father, And do not forsake the law of 2 wi sdom calls aloud outside;
She

your mother; raises her voice in the open squares.

'For they will be a graceful ornament on She cries out in the chief
concourses, 2 1

your head, And chains about your neck. At the openings of the gates
in the city

She speaks her words:

10My son, if sinners entice you, Do not

2 2 How long, you simple ones, will you

consent.

love simplicity? For scornors delight in

1 their scorning, And fools hate 1 they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in

knowledge.

wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly

for the innocent without cause;

23Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour

out my spirit on you; I will make my 2My son, if you receive my
words, And

words known to you. treasure my commands within you,

24Because I have called and you refused,

2So that you incline your ear to wisdom,

I have stretched out my hand and no

And apply your heart to understanding;

one regarded,

2 3Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And 5Because you disdained all
my counsel,

lift up your voice for understanding,

And would have none of my rebuke,

2

6a also will laugh at your calamity; I will 4 If you seek her as silver,
And search for

her as for hidden treasures;

mock when your terror comes,

2

7When your terror comes like a storm, 5Then you will understand the
fear of the

LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

And your destruction comes like a
whirlwind, When distress and anguish 6
come upon you. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His
mouth come knowledge and

2 understanding; 8§ 'The

n they will call on me, but I will not
answer; They will seek me diligently, but 7
they will not find me. He stores up sound wisdom for the
upright; He is a shield to those who walk

2 uprightly; ' Because

they hated knowledge And
did not choose the fear of the LORD, 8

He guards the paths of justice, And
3 preserves the way of His saints. 0They would have none of my
counsel

And despised my every rebuke. 'Then you will understand
righteousness

3 and justice, Equity and every good path. 1Therefore they shall eat
the fruit of

their own way, And be filled to the full 1 0When wisdom enters your
heart, And with their own fancies.

knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

32For the turning away of the simple will 1 1Discretion will preserve
you; slay them, And the complacency of fools Understanding will keep
you, will destroy them;

33 1 2 But whoever listens to me will dwell To deliver you from the way of evil,

safely, And will be secure, without fear From the man who speaks perverse

of evil." things, 13From those who leave the paths of 3Let not mercy and truth forsake you;

uprightness To walk in the ways of Bind them around your neck, Write them

darkness; on the tablet of your heart,

1 4 4

Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight And so find favor and high esteem In

in the perversity of the wicked; the sight of God and man.

1 5 5Whose ways are crooked, And who

Trust in the LORD with all your heart,

are devious in their paths; And lean not on your own

understanding;

16To deliver you from the immoral

woman, From the seductress who 6In all your ways acknowledge Him, And flatters with her words, He shall direct your paths.

1 7 7Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her the LORD and depart from evil. God.

It will be health to your flesh, And

18For her house leads down to death,

strength to your bones.

And her paths to the dead;

'Honor the LORD with your possessions,

1' None who go to her return, Nor do And with the firstfruits of all
your

they regain the paths of life-- increase;

2 1 00

So you may walk in the way of So your barns will be filled with
plenty,

goodness, And keep to the paths of And your vats will overflow with
new

righteousness. wine.

2 1 1For the upright will dwell in the land, 1My son, do not despise the
chastening And the blameless will remain in it; of the LORD, Nor
detest His correction;

2 1 22

But the wicked will be cut off from the For whom the LORD loves
He corrects,

earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted Just as a father the son in
whom he

from it. delights.

13Happy is the man who finds wisdom,

3My son, do not forget my law, But let And the man who gains
understanding;

your heart keep my commands; 14For her proceeds are better than the
2 profits of silver, And her gain than fine

For length of days and long life And

gold.

peace they will add to you.

1 2 57

She is more precious than rubies, And Do not withhold good from those to

all the things you may desire cannot whom it is due, When it is in the power

compare with her. of your hand to do so.

1 2 68

Length of days is in her right hand, In Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and

her left hand riches and honor. come back, And tomorrow I will give it,"

When you have it with you.

17

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

And all her paths are peace. 2' Do not devise evil against your

neighbor, For he dwells by you for

1 safety's sake.

' She is a tree of life to those who take

hold of her, And happy are all who retain 30Do not strive with a man without cause,

her.

If he has done you no harm.

1' The LORD by wisdom founded the

earth; By understanding He established 31Do not envy the
oppressor, And the heavens; choose none of his ways;

20By His knowledge the depths were 32For the perverse person is an
broken up, And clouds drop down the abomination to the LORD, But
His

dew. secret counsel is with the upright.

21 33

My son, let them not depart from your The curse of the LORD is on
the
eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and house of the wicked, But He blesses the
discretion; home of the just.

22 34Surely He scorns the scornful, But

So they will be life to your soul And
grace to your neck. gives grace to the humble.

23 3Then you will walk safely in your way, 5The wise shall inherit
glory, But shame And your foot will not stumble. shall be the legacy of
fools.

24

When you lie down, you will not be
afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your 4Hear, my children, the
instruction of a
sleep will be sweet.

father, And give attention to know

2 understanding; 5Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor

of trouble from the wicked when it 2 For I give you good doctrine:
Do not comes;

forsake my law.

26For the LORD will be your confidence,

And will keep your foot from being

caught.

3When I was my father's son, Tender 15Avoid it, do not travel on it;
Turn away and the only one in the sight of my from it and pass on.
mother,

16For they do not sleep unless they have

4He also taught me, and said to me: "Let done evil; And their sleep is
taken away

your heart retain my words; Keep my unless they make someone fall.
commands, and live.

17

For they eat the bread of wickedness,

5Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not And drink the wine of
violence. forget, nor turn away from the words of

my mouth. 18But the path of the just is like the

shining sun, That shines ever brighter

6Do not forsake her, and she will unto the perfect day. preserve you;
Love her, and she will

keep you. 1' The way of the wicked is like

darkness; They do not know what

7Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore makes them stumble. get wisdom. And in all your getting, get

understanding. 2 0My son, give attention to my words;

Incline your ear to my sayings.

8Exalt her, and she will promote you;

She will bring you honor, when you 2 1Do not let them depart from your eyes; embrace her. Keep them in the midst of your heart;

She will place on your head an 2 2For they are life to those who find ornament of grace; A crown of glory she them, And health to all their flesh. will deliver to you."

2 3Keep your heart with all diligence, For

10Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,

out of it spring the issues of life.

And the years of your life will be many.

2 4Put away from you a deceitful mouth,

1 1 have taught you in the way of

And put perverse lips far from you.

wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

2 5Let your eyes look straight ahead, And

12 When you walk, your steps will not be your eyelids look right before you. hindered, And when you run, you will

not stumble. 2 6Ponder the path of your feet, And let

1 all your ways be established. 3Take firm hold of instruction, do not let

go; Keep her, for she is your life. 2 7Do not turn to the right or the left;

1 Remove your foot from evil. 4Do not enter the path of the wicked,

And do not walk in the way of evil.

1 3 have not obeyed the voice of my

5My son, pay attention to my wisdom; teachers, Nor inclined my ear
to those

Lend your ear to my understanding, who instructed me!

14a was on the verge of total ruin, In the

2That you may preserve discretion, And

midst of the assembly and

your lips may keep knowledge.

congregation."

3For the lips of an immoral woman drip 1 5Drink water from your
own cistern, And honey, And her mouth is smoother than running
water from your own well. oil;

1 6Should your fountains be dispersed

4But in the end she is bitter as

abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged

sword. 1 7 Let them be only your own, And not for 5 strangers with
you.

Her feet go down to death, Her steps

lay hold of hell. 1 8Let your fountain be blessed, And 6 rejoice with the
wife of your youth.

Lest you ponder her path of life-- Her

ways are unstable; You do not know 1' As a loving deer and a graceful

doe, them.

Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;

7 And always be enraptured with her love.

Therefore hear me now, my children,

And do not depart from the words of my 2 0For why should you, my
son, be mouth.

enraptured by an immoral woman, And

8 be embraced in the arms of a

Remove your way far from her, And do

seductress?

not go near the door of her house,

2 1

For the ways of man are before the

'Lest you give your honor to others, And

your years to the cruel one; eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all

his paths.

10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth, 2

2

His own iniquities entrap the wicked

And your labors go to the house of a

foreigner; man, And he is caught in the cords of

his sin.

11And you mourn at last, When your

2 3He shall die for lack of instruction, And

flesh and your body are consumed,

in the greatness of his folly he shall go

1 astray. 2And say: "How I have hated instruction, And my heart
despised correction!

1 3He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his

6My feet, He points with his fingers; son, if you become surety for

your friend, If you have shaken hands in 14 Perversity is in his heart,
He devises pledge for a stranger,

evil continually, He sows discord.

2You are snared by the words of your 5Therefore his calamity shall
come

mouth; You are taken by the words of 1

your mouth. suddenly; Suddenly he shall be broken

without remedy.

3 So do this, my son, and deliver 1

yourself; For you have come into the 6These six things the LORD
hates, Yes,

hand of your friend: Go and humble seven are an abomination to Him:
yourself; Plead with your friend.

1 7

A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands

4 that shed innocent blood, Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to
your eyelids.

1 8

A heart that devises wicked plans,

5 Feet that are swift in running to evil, Deliver yourself like a gazelle
from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from

the hand of the fowler. 1' A false witness who speaks lies, And

one who sows discord among brethren.

6Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider OMy son, keep your father's
command, her ways and be wise, 2

And do not forsake the law of your

7 mother. Which, having no captain, Overseer or

ruler, 1Bind them continually upon your heart;

2

8 Tie them around your neck. Provides her supplies in the summer,
And gathers her food in the harvest.

2 2When you roam, they will lead you;

'How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When you sleep, they will
keep you; And

When will you rise from your sleep? when you awake, they will speak
with

you.

10A little sleep, a little slumber, A little

2 3For the commandment is a lamp, And

folding of the hands to sleep--

the law a light; Reproofs of instruction

11 are the way of life,

So shall your poverty come on you like

a prowler, And your need like an armed 2 4To keep you from the evil woman, man.

From the flattering tongue of a

12 seductress.

A worthless person, a wicked man,

Walks with a perverse mouth;

25Do not lust after her beauty in your

heart, Nor let her allure you with her 7My son, keep my words, And

eyelids. treasure my commands within you.

26

For by means of a harlot A man is 2

Keep my commands and live, And my

reduced to a crust of bread; And an

law as the apple of your eye.

adulteress will prey upon his precious

life. 3Bind them on your fingers; Write them

27 on the tablet of your heart.

Can a man take fire to his bosom, And

his clothes not be burned? 4 Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"

2 And call understanding your nearest kin, 8 Can one walk on hot coals, And his

feet not be seared? 5That they may keep you from the

2 immoral woman, From the seductress ' So is he who goes in to his neighbor's

who flatters with her words.

wife; Whoever touches her shall not be

innocent. 6For at the window of my house I looked

30 eople do not despise a thief If he through my lattice, steals to
satisfy himself when he is 7

And saw among the simple, I perceived
starving.

among the youths, A young man devoid
31Yet when he is found, he must restore of understanding, sevenfold;
He may have to give up all 8

the substance of his house. Passing along the street near her
corner; And he took the path to her

3 house 2Whoever commits adultery with a
woman lacks understanding; He who 'In the twilight, in the evening,
In the
does so destroys his own soul.

black and dark night.

33Wounds and dishonor he will get, And 1 0And there a woman met
him, With the his reproach will not be wiped away. attire of a harlot,
and a crafty heart.

34For jealousy is a husband's fury; 11
She was loud and rebellious, Her feet
Therefore he will not spare in the day of
vengeance. would not stay at home.

35He will accept no recompense, Nor will 12At times she was outside,
at times in
the open square, Lurking at every

he be appeased though you give many

corner.

gifts.

1 2 3 5 Do not let your heart turn aside to her

So she caught him and kissed him;

With an impudent face she said to him: ways, Do not stray into her paths;

1 2 4a have peace offerings with me; Today 6 For she has cast down many wounded, I have paid my vows. And all who were slain by her were

strong men.

15 So I came out to meet you, Diligently

2 7

to seek your face, And I have found you. Her house is the way to hell,

Descending to the chambers of death.

16 have spread my bed with tapestry,

Colored coverings of Egyptian linen.

8 Does not wisdom cry out, And

17 have perfumed my bed With myrrh,

understanding lift up her voice?

aloes, and cinnamon.

2 She takes her stand on the top of the

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until high hill, Beside the way, where the

morning; Let us delight ourselves with paths meet. love.

1 3She cries out by the gates, at the entry

' For my husband is not at home; He of the city, At the entrance of the doors:

has gone on a long journey;

2

0He has taken a bag of money with him, 4 To you, O men, I call, And my voice is

to the sons of men.

And will come home on the appointed

day." 5

O you simple ones, understand

2 prudence, And you fools, be of an 1With her enticing speech she caused

understanding heart.

him to yield, With her flattering lips she

seduced him. 6

Listen, for I will speak of excellent

2 things, And from the opening of my lips 2 mmediately he went after her, as an

will come right things;

ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to

the correction of the stocks, 7

For my mouth will speak truth;

2 Wickedness is an abomination to my 3Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird

lips.

hastens to the snare, He did not know it

would cost his life. 8

All the words of my mouth are with

2 righteousness; Nothing crooked or 4 Now therefore, listen to me, my
perverse is in them.

children; Pay attention to the words of

my mouth:

2 1

"They are all plain to him who That I may cause those who love me
understands, And right to those who find to inherit wealth, That I may
fill their
knowledge. treasuries.

1 224 OReceive my instruction, and not silver, "The LORD possessed me
at the

And knowledge rather than choice gold; beginning of His way, Before
His works

of old.

11

For wisdom is better than rubies, And

2 3

all the things one may desire cannot be have been established from
compared with her. everlasting, From the beginning, before

there was ever an earth.

12a wisdom, dwell with prudence, And

2 4

find out knowledge and discretion. When there were no depths I was

brought forth, When there were no
13 fountains abounding with water.

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverse mouth I hate. 2 5 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills, I was brought forth;

14
Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I
am understanding, I have strength. 2 6 While as yet He had not made
the
earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of
15 By me kings reign, And rulers decree the world. justice.

2 7
When He prepared the heavens, I was
16 By me princes rule, and nobles, All the there, When He drew a
circle on the
judges of the earth. face of the deep,

1 2 8 When He established the clouds 7a love those who love me, And
those who seek me diligently will find me. above, When He
strengthened the
fountains of the deep,

18 Riches and honor are with me,
Enduring riches and righteousness. 2 ' When He assigned to the sea its
limit,

So that the waters would not transgress
1 His command, When He marked out the 9 My fruit is better than

gold, yes, than

foundations of the earth,

fine gold, And my revenue than choice

silver. ³ 0 Then I was beside Him as a master

^{20a} traverse the way of righteousness, In craftsman; And I was daily
His delight,

Rejoicing always before Him,

the midst of the paths of justice,

³¹ Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And

my delight was with the sons of men.

³⁷ ² Now therefore, listen to me, my He who corrects a scoffer gets
shame children, For blessed are those who for himself, And he who
rebukes a

keep my ways. wicked man only harms himself.

³³ ⁸

Hear instruction and be wise, And do Do not correct a scoffer, lest
he hate

not disdain it. you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will

love you.

³⁴ Blessed is the man who listens to me,

Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at ⁹ Give instruction to a wise
man, and he the posts of my doors. will be still wiser; Teach a just
man, and

he will increase in learning.

³⁵ For whoever finds me finds life, And ⁰⁴ ¹ obtains favor from the

LORD;"The fear of the LORD is the beginning

of wisdom, And the knowledge of the

36 Holy One is understanding. But he who sins against me wrongs

his own soul; All those who hate me 1For by me your days will be multiplied,

love death." 1

And years of life will be added to you.

12 you are wise, you are wise for

9Wisdom has built her house, She has

yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it

hewn out her seven pillars;

alone."

2She has slaughtered her meat, She has

mixed her wine, She has also furnished u A foolish woman is clamorous; She is

her table. simple, and knows nothing.

3 14For she sits at the door of her house,

She has sent out her maidens, She

cries out from the highest places of the On a seat by the highest places of the

city,

city,

15To call to those who pass by, Who go

4 Whoever is simple, let him turn in

straight on their way:

here!" As for him who lacks

understanding, she says to him, 164 Whoever is simple, let him turn in
5 here"; And as for him who lacks

Come, eat of my bread And drink of

the wine I have mixed. understanding, she says to him,

1 7 Stolen water is sweet, And bread

6 Forsake foolishness and live, And go in

the way of understanding. eaten in secret is pleasant."

1 8But he does not know that the dead
are there, That her guests are in the
depths of hell.

1 2

Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers

1 0 all sins. The proverbs of Solomon: A wise

son makes a glad father, But a foolish 1 3Wisdom is found on the lips
of him son is the grief of his mother.

who has understanding, But a rod is for

2 the back of him who is devoid of

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,

understanding.

But righteousness delivers from death.

3The LORD will not allow the righteous 1 4

Wise people store up knowledge, But
soul to famish, But He casts away the the mouth of the foolish is near
desire of the wicked. destruction.

4 1 5 The rich man's wealth is his strong

He who has a slack hand becomes

poor, But the hand of the diligent makes city; The destruction of the
poor is their

rich. poverty.

1 6The labor of the righteous leads to life,

5He who gathers in summer is a wise

son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son The wages of the wicked to sin.

who causes shame. 1 7He who keeps instruction is in the way 6 of life,
But he who refuses correction

Blessings are on the head of the

righteous, But violence covers the goes astray.

mouth of the wicked. 8Whoever hides hatred has lying lips,

7 And whoever spreads slander is a fool. The memory of the righteous
is blessed,

But the name of the wicked will rot. ¹ ' In the multitude of words sin is not

⁸ lacking, But he who restrains his lips is The wise in heart will receive

wise.

commands, But a prating fool will fall.

² ⁰ The tongue of the righteous is choice

'He who walks with integrity walks

silver; The heart of the wicked is worth

securely, But he who perverts his ways

little.

will become known.

¹ The lips of the righteous feed many,

⁰ He who winks with the eye causes ² ¹

But fools die for lack of wisdom.

trouble, But a prating fool will fall.

¹ The blessing of the LORD makes one

¹ The mouth of the righteous is a well of ² ²

rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

life, But violence covers the mouth of

the wicked. ² ³ To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a

man of understanding has wisdom.

24 3The integrity of the upright will guide

The fear of the wicked will come upon

him, And the desire of the righteous will them, But the perversity of the unfaithful

be granted. will destroy them.

2 4 5

When the whirlwind passes by, the Riches do not profit in the day of wrath,

wicked is no more, But the righteous But righteousness delivers from death.

has an everlasting foundation.

5 The righteousness of the blameless will

26

As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to direct his way aright, But the wicked will

the eyes, So is the lazy man to those fall by his own wickedness. who send him.

6 The righteousness of the upright will

27

The fear of the LORD prolongs days, deliver them, But the unfaithful will be

But the years of the wicked will be caught by their lust. shortened.

2 expectation will perish, And the hope of

8The hope of the righteous will be 7When a wicked man dies, his

gladness, But the expectation of the the unjust perishes. wicked will perish.

8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,

29The way of the LORD is strength for

And it comes to the wicked instead.

the upright, But destruction will come to

the workers of iniquity. "The hypocrite with his mouth destroys

3 righteous will be delivered.

0The righteous will never be removed, his neighbor, But through
knowledge the

But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

1 0When it goes well with the righteous,

31

The mouth of the righteous brings forth the city rejoices; And when
the wicked

wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be perish, there is jubilation. cut
out.

11

By the blessing of the upright the city

32

The lips of the righteous know what is is exalted, But it is
overthrown by the

acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked mouth of the wicked. what is
perverse.

1 2

He who is devoid of wisdom despises

his neighbor, But a man of

1 1 understanding holds his peace. Dishonest scales are an

abomination to the LORD, But a just u A talebearer reveals secrets, But
he weight is His delight.

who is of a faithful spirit conceals a

2 matter.

When pride comes, then comes shame;

But with the humble is wisdom.

1 2 4 5The generous soul will be made rich,

Where there is no counsel, the people

fall; But in the multitude of counselors And he who waters will also be
watered

there is safety. himself.

1 2 56

He who is surety for a stranger will The people will curse him who

suffer, But one who hates being surety withholds grain, But blessing
will be on

is secure. the head of him who sells it.

1 2 67

A gracious woman retains honor, But He who earnestly seeks good
finds

ruthless men retain riches. favor, But trouble will come to him who

seeks evil.

17The merciful man does good for his

own soul, But he who is cruel troubles 2' He who trusts in his riches
will fall, But his own flesh. the righteous will flourish like foliage.

1 2 8The wicked man does deceptive work,

' He who troubles his own house will

But he who sows righteousness will inherit the wind, And the fool will be

have a sure reward. servant to the wise of heart.

13 ' As righteousness leads to life, So he 0The fruit of the righteous is a tree of who pursues evil pursues it to his own life, And he who wins souls is wise. death.

31) the righteous will be recompensed

20Those who are of a perverse heart are

on the earth, How much more the

an abomination to the LORD, But the ungodly and the sinner. blameless in their ways are His delight.

21

Though they join forces, the wicked 1 2Whoever loves instruction loves

will not go unpunished; But the posterity

knowledge, But he who hates correction

of the righteous will be delivered. is stupid.

22

As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So 2

A good man obtains favor from the

is a lovely woman who lacks discretion. LORD, But a man of wicked intentions

2 He will condemn. 3 The desire of the righteous is only

good, But the expectation of the wicked EA man is not established by

is wrath. wickedness, But the root of the

2 righteous cannot be moved. 4 There is one who scatters, yet
increases more; And there is one who 4

An excellent wife is the crown of her

withholds more than is right, But it leads husband, But she who causes
shame is

to poverty. like rottenness in his bones.

5 1 The thoughts of the righteous are right, 6A fool's wrath is known at
once, But a But the counsels of the wicked are prudent man covers
shame. deceitful.

17

He who speaks truth declares

6The words of the wicked are, "Lie in righteousness, But a false
witness,

wait for blood," But the mouth of the deceit. upright will deliver them.

1 8

There is one who speaks like the

7The wicked are overthrown and are no piercings of a sword, But the
tongue of

more, But the house of the righteous will the wise promotes health.
stand.

1 ' The truthful lip shall be established

8A man will be commended according to forever, But a lying tongue is
but for a

his wisdom, But he who is of a perverse moment. heart will be
despised.

20Deceit is in the heart of those who

'Better is the one who is slighted but devise evil, But counselors of peace

has a servant, Than he who honors have joy. himself but lacks bread.

2 1No grave trouble will overtake the

10A righteous man regards the life of his

righteous, But the wicked shall be filled

animal, But the tender mercies of the with evil. wicked are cruel.

22

Lying lips are an abomination to the

11 He who tills his land will be satisfied LORD, But those who deal truthfully are

with bread, But he who follows frivolity is His delight. devoid of understanding.

2 3A prudent man conceals knowledge,

12 The wicked covet the catch of evil men, But the heart of fools proclaims

But the root of the righteous yields fruit. foolishness.

1 2 3The wicked is ensnared by the

4

The hand of the diligent will rule, But

transgression of his lips, But the the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

righteous will come through trouble.

2 5Anxiety in the heart of man causes

14

A man will be satisfied with good by depression, But a good word

makes it

the fruit of his mouth, And the glad recompense of a man's hands will be

rendered to him. 2 6

The righteous should choose his
friends carefully, For the way of the

15The way of a fool is right in his own

wicked leads them astray.

eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

21 70By pride comes nothing but strife, But

The lazy man does not roast what he

took in hunting, But diligence is man's with the well-advised is
wisdom. precious possession.

11

Wealth gained by dishonesty will be

2 ' In the way of righteousness is life, And diminished, But he who
gathers by labor

in its pathway there is no death. will increase.

1 2

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,

1 But when the desire comes, it is a tree EA wise son heeds his father's
of life.

instruction, But a scoffer does not listen

to rebuke. 1 3He who despises the word will be 2 destroyed, But he
who fears the

A man shall eat well by the fruit of his

mouth, But the soul of the unfaithful commandment will be rewarded.

feeds on violence. 1 4The law of the wise is a fountain of life, 3 To turn
one away from the snares of

He who guards his mouth preserves his

death.

life, But he who opens wide his lips shall

have destruction. 1 5Good understanding gains favor, But 4 the way of
the unfaithful is hard.

The soul of a lazy man desires, and

has nothing; But the soul of the diligent 1 6Every prudent man acts
with shall be made rich.

knowledge, But a fool lays open his folly.

5A righteous man hates lying, But a 7

wicked man is loathsome and comes to 1 A wicked messenger falls into
trouble,

shame. But a faithful ambassador brings health.

6 1 ' Poverty and shame will come to him Righteousness guards him
whose way is who disdains correction, But he who blameless, But
wickedness

overthrows the sinner. regards a rebuke will be honored.

7 1 ' A desire accomplished is sweet to the There is one who makes
himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes soul, But it is an

abomination to fools to

himself poor, yet has great riches. depart from evil.

8 2 OHe who walks with wise men will be The ransom of a man's life is
his riches, But the poor does not hear rebuke. wise, But the companion
of fools will be

destroyed.

the lamp of the wicked will be put out. The light of the righteous
rejoices, But 2 1Evil pursues sinners, But to the

righteous, good shall be repaid.

2 7 2

A good man leaves an inheritance to Go from the presence of a
foolish man,

his children's children, But the wealth of When you do not perceive in
him the

the sinner is stored up for the righteous. lips of knowledge.

2 8 3

Much food is in the fallow ground of The wisdom of the prudent is
to

the poor, And for lack of justice there is understand his way, But the
folly of fools

waste. is deceit.

2 9 4

He who spares his rod hates his son, Fools mock at sin, But among
the

But he who loves him disciplines him upright there is favor. promptly.

25

The righteous eats to the satisfying of And a stranger does not share
its joy.

his soul, But the stomach of the wicked

shall be in want. 1 1 The house of the wicked will be

overthrown, But the tent of the upright

will flourish.

1 4The wise woman builds her house,

1 2There is a way that seems right to a

But the foolish pulls it down with her

hands. man, But its end is the way of death.

2 1 3Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,

He who walks in his uprightness fears

the LORD, But he who is perverse in his And the end of mirth may be
grief.

ways despises Him. 4The backslider in heart will be filled

1

3In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, with his own ways, But a
good man will

But the lips of the wise will preserve be satisfied from above.

them. 5The simple believes every word, But

4 the prudent considers well his steps. Where no oxen are, the trough is clean;

But much increase comes by the 6A wise man fears and departs from strength of an ox. 1

evil, But a fool rages and is self-

5 confident. A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will utter lies.

1 7

A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,

6 And a man of wicked intentions is hated. A scoffer seeks wisdom and does not

find it, But knowledge is easy to him

who understands. 1 8The simple inherit folly, But the

prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19The evil will bow before the good, And 31He who oppresses the poor

the wicked at the gates of the righteous. reproaches his Maker, But he who

honors Him has mercy on the needy.

20The poor man is hated even by his

3 2

own neighbor, But the rich has many The wicked is banished in his friends. wickedness, But the righteous has a

refuge in his death.

21

He who despises his neighbor sins; 33Wisdom rests in the heart of

him who

But he who has mercy on the poor,
happy is he. has understanding, But what is in the
heart of fools is made known.

2Do they not go astray who devise evil?

But mercy and truth belong to those who 3 4
Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin
devise good. is a reproach to any people.

2 3 n all labor there is profit, But idle 5The king's favor is toward a
wise chatter leads only to poverty. servant, But his wrath is against
him
who causes shame.

24The crown of the wise is their riches,

But the foolishness of fools is folly.

1 5A soft answer turns away wrath,

25A true witness delivers souls, But a
But a harsh word stirs up anger.
deceitful witness speaks lies.

2

6 n the fear of the LORD there is strong 2 The tongue of the wise uses
knowledge

rightly, But the mouth of fools pours
confidence, And His children will have a forth foolishness. place of
refuge.

2 3The eyes of the LORD are in every

7The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, Keeping watch on the evil and the

life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life,

2' In a multitude of people is a king's But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.

honor, But in the lack of people is the

downfall of a prince. 5 fool despises his father's instruction, A

2 But he who receives correction is 9He who is slow to wrath has great prudent.

understanding, But he who is impulsive

exalts folly. 6

In the house of the righteous there is

COA sound heart is life to the body, But much treasure, But in the revenue of the

wicked is trouble.

envy is rottenness to the bones.

7 1 The lips of the wise disperse ' The way of the lazy man is like a knowledge, But the heart of the fool hedge of thorns, But the way of the

does not do so. upright is a highway.

8 2 0

The sacrifice of the wicked is an A wise son makes a father glad, But a abomination to the LORD, But the foolish man despises his mother. prayer of the upright is His delight.

Folly is joy to him who is destitute of

"The way of the wicked is an discernment, But a man of abomination to the LORD, But He loves understanding walks uprightly. him who follows righteousness.

without counsel, plans go awry, But in

10

Harsh discipline is for him who the multitude of counselors they are forsakes the way, And he who hates established. correction will die.

23A man has joy by the answer of his

11

Hell and Destruction are before the mouth, And a word spoken in due

LORD; So how much more the hearts of season, how good it is! the sons of men.

2 4The way of life winds upward for the

12 A scoffer does not love one who wise, That he may turn away from hell

corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise. below.

U 2 A merry heart makes a cheerful 5The LORD will destroy the house of countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the proud, But He will establish the

the spirit is broken. boundary of the widow.

1 2 4 6The thoughts of the wicked are an

The heart of him who has
understanding seeks knowledge, But abomination to the LORD, But
the words
the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness. of the pure are pleasant.

1 2 7 5 All the days of the afflicted are evil, But

He who is greedy for gain troubles his
he who is of a merry heart has a own house, But he who hates bribes
will
continual feast. live.

1 2 6 8

Better is a little with the fear of the LORD, The heart of the righteous
studies how
LORD, Than great treasure with trouble. to answer, But the mouth of
the wicked
pours forth evil.

17

Better is a dinner of herbs where love
is, Than a fatted calf with hatred. 2' The LORD is far from the wicked,
But

He hears the prayer of the righteous.
18 A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he
who is slow to anger allays contention.

3 8 0 The light of the eyes rejoices the heart,

Better is a little with righteousness,
And a good report makes the bones Than vast revenues without
justice. healthy.

9A man's heart plans his way, But the

31

The ear that hears the rebukes of life LORD directs his steps.

Will abide among the wise.

1 0Divination is on the lips of the king; His

32

He who disdains instruction despises mouth must not transgress in judgment.

his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke

gets understanding. 11Honest weights and scales are the

LORD's; All the weights in the bag are

33The fear of the LORD is the instruction His work. of wisdom, And before honor is humility.

1 2

It is an abomination for kings to

commit wickedness, For a throne is

1 established by righteousness. 6The preparations of the heart

belong to man, But the answer of the 1 3Righteous lips are the delight of kings, tongue is from the LORD.

And they love him who speaks what is

2 right.

All the ways of a man are pure in his

own eyes, But the LORD weighs the 1 4As messengers of death is the king's spirits.

wrath, But a wise man will appease it.

3Commit your works to the LORD, And ¹ 5 n the light of the king's
face is life, And your thoughts will be established.

his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.

⁴The LORD has made all for Himself, ⁶How much better to get
wisdom than

Yes, even the wicked for the day of ¹

doom. gold! And to get understanding is to be

chosen rather than silver.

⁵Everyone proud in heart is an ⁷

abomination to the LORD; Though they ¹ The highway of the upright
is to depart

join forces, none will go unpunished. from evil; He who keeps his way

preserves his soul.

⁶In mercy and truth Atonement is

provided for iniquity; And by the fear of ¹ ' Pride goes before
destruction, And a

the LORD one departs from evil. haughty spirit before a fall.

⁷ ¹ Better to be of a humble spirit with the LORD, When a man's ways please
the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at lowly, Than to divide
the spoil with the

peace with him. proud.

²⁰He who heeds the word wisely will find ³²He who is slow to anger
is better than

good, And whoever trusts in the LORD, the mighty, And he who rules his spirit

happy is he. than he who takes a city.

21 33

The wise in heart will be called prudent, The lot is cast into the lap,
But its

And sweetness of the lips increases every decision is from the LORD.
learning.

22

Understanding is a wellspring of life to 1 7 Better is a dry morsel
with

him who has it. But the correction of quietness, Than a house full of
feasting fools is folly. with strife.

23

The heart of the wise teaches his 2

A wise servant will rule over a son who
mouth, And adds learning to his lips. causes shame, And will share an
2 inheritance among the brothers. 4 leasant words are like a
honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the 3

The refining pot is for silver and the
bones.

furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the
2 hearts. 5There is a way that seems right to a
man, But its end is the way of death. 4 An evildoer gives heed to false

lips; A

2 liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue. 6 The person who labors,
labors for

himself, For his hungry mouth drives sHe who mocks the poor
reproaches his him on.

Maker; He who is glad at calamity will

2 not go unpunished. 7An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is
on his lips like a burning fire. 6 Children's

children are the crown of old

2 men, And the glory of children is their

' A perverse man sows strife, And a father.

whisperer separates the best of friends.

2 A violent man entices his neighbor, fool, Much less lying lips to a
prince.

9 7Excellent speech is not becoming to a

And leads him in a way that is not good.

30He winks his eye to devise perverse sA present is a precious stone
in the

eyes of its possessor; Wherever he

things; He purses his lips and brings turns, he prospers. about evil.

31 9He who covers a transgression seeks

The silver-haired head is a crown of love, But he who repeats a
matter

glory, If it is found in the way of separates friends. righteousness.

1 2 0 Rebuke is more effective for a wise

2

A merry heart does good, like

man Than a hundred blows on a fool. medicine, But a broken spirit
dries the

bones.

11

An evil man seeks only rebellion;

2 3

Therefore a cruel messenger will be A wicked man accepts a bribe
behind

sent against him. the back To pervert the ways of justice.

1 2 24

Let a man meet a bear robbed of her wisdom is in the sight of him
who has

cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly. understanding, But the eyes of a
fool

are on the ends of the earth.

13 Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil

will not depart from his house. 2 5 A foolish son is a grief to his father,

And bitterness to her who bore him.

14

The beginning of strife is like releasing

water; Therefore stop contention before 2 6

Also, to punish the righteous is not

a quarrel starts. good, Nor to strike princes for their

uprightness.

15He who justifies the wicked, and he

who condemns the just, Both of them 2 7He who has knowledge spares
his alike are an abomination to the LORD. words, And a man of
understanding is of

a calm spirit.

16Why is there in the hand of a fool the

purchase price of wisdom, Since he has 2 8Even a fool is counted
wise when he no heart for it? holds his peace; When he shuts his lips,

he is considered perceptive.

17A friend loves at all times, And a

brother is born for adversity.

1 8A man who isolates himself seeks

18A man devoid of understanding

his own desire; He rages against all

shakes hands in a pledge, And wise judgment. becomes surety for his
friend.

2 A fool has no delight in understanding,

19 He who loves transgression loves

But in expressing his own heart.

strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks

destruction. 3When the wicked comes, contempt

2 comes also; And with dishonor comes 0He who has a deceitful heart
finds no

reproach.

good, And he who has a perverse

tongue falls into evil. 4 The words of a man's mouth are deep

2 waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a 1 He who begets a scoffer does so to his flowing brook.

sorrow, And the father of a fool has no

joy.

5 17

It is not good to show partiality to the The first one to plead his cause seems

wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in right, Until his neighbor comes and

judgment. examines him.

6 1 A fool's lips enter into contention, And 8Casting lots causes contentions to his mouth calls for blows. cease, And keeps the mighty apart.

7 1 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And ' A brother offended is harder to win his lips are the snare of his soul. than a strong city, And contentions are

like the bars of a castle.

8The words of a talebearer are like tasty 0A man's stomach shall be satisfied trifles, And they go down into the inmost 2

body. from the fruit of his mouth; From the

produce of his lips he shall be filled.

'He who is slothful in his work Is a

brother to him who is a great destroyer. Death and life are in the
power of the ²1

tongue, And those who love it will eat its

¹⁰The name of the LORD is a strong fruit.

tower; The righteous run to it and are ²He who finds a wife finds a
good thing,

safe. ²

And obtains favor from the LORD.

¹¹The rich man's

wealth is his strong city,

²³

And like a high wall in his own esteem. The poor man uses entreaties,
But the

rich answers roughly.

¹²

Before destruction the heart of a man

²⁴

is haughty, And before honor is humility. A man who has friends must
himself

be friendly, But there is a friend who

¹³He who answers a matter before he

sticks closer than a brother.

hears it, It is folly and shame to him.

¹⁴The spirit of a man will sustain him in

sickness, But who can bear a broken integrity Than one who is
perverse in his

spirit? lips, and is a fool.

1 2 5 The heart of the prudent acquires

Also it is not good for a soul to be

knowledge, And the ear of the wise without knowledge, And he sins
who

seeks knowledge. hastens with his feet.

16 A man's gift makes room for him, And 3 The foolishness of a man
twists his way,

brings him before great men. And his heart frets against the LORD.

4 1 Wealth makes many friends, But the 6 He who keeps the
commandment poor is separated from his friend. keeps his soul, But
he who is careless

of his ways will die.

5 A false witness will not go unpunished,

1 7

And he who speaks lies will not escape. He who has pity on the poor
lends to

the LORD, And He will pay back what

6 he has given. Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man
is a friend to one who

gives gifts. 1 8 Chasten your son while there is hope,

And do not set your heart on his

7 destruction. All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more
do his friends go far

from him! He may pursue them with 1' A man of great wrath will
suffer words, yet they abandon him. punishment; For if you rescue
him, you

will have to do it again.

'He who gets wisdom loves his own 0Listen to counsel and receive
soul; He who keeps understanding will 2
find good. instruction, That you may be wise in
your latter days.

'A false witness will not go unpunished,

2 1

And he who speaks lies shall perish. There are many plans in a man's
heart,

Nevertheless the LORD's counsel--that

10 will stand.

Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much
less for a servant to rule over princes.

22

What is desired in a man is kindness,

11 And a poor man is better than a liar.

The discretion of a man makes him

slow to anger, And his glory is to 3The fear of the LORD leads to life,
And

overlook a transgression. 2

he who has it will abide in satisfaction;

12 He will not be visited with evil.

The king's wrath is like the roaring of a
lion, But his favor is like dew on the
grass. 24

A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl,

And will not so much as bring it to his

mouth again. A foolish son is the ruin of his father, And the
contentions of a wife are a

2 5

continual dripping. Strike a scoffer, and the simple will

become wary; Rebuke one who has

14 understanding, and he will discern

Houses and riches are an inheritance
from fathers, But a prudent wife is from knowledge.

the LORD. 6He who mistreats his father and

2

15 Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, chases away his mother 1s a
son who

And an idle person will suffer hunger. causes shame and brings
reproach.

2 9 7

Cease listening to instruction, my son, Who can say, "I have made
my heart

And you will stray from the words of clean, I am pure from my sin"?
knowledge.

28

A disreputable witness scorns justice, They are both alike, an
abomination to

And the mouth of the wicked devours the LORD. iniquity.

1 1

Even a child is known by his deeds,

29Judgments are prepared for scoffers, Whether what he does is pure
and right.

And beatings for the backs of fools.

1 2

The hearing ear and the seeing eye,

The LORD has made them both.

2 0Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is

1 3

a brawler, And whoever is led astray by Do not love sleep, lest you
come to

it is not wise. poverty; Open your eyes, and you will

be satisfied with bread.

2The wrath of a king is like the roaring of 44a I is good for nothing,"
cries the buyer;

1

a lion; Whoever provokes him to anger

sins against his own life. But when he has gone his way, then he

boasts.

Alt is honorable for a man to stop striving, 1 5 There is gold and a multitude of rubies, Since any fool can start a quarrel.

But the lips of knowledge are a precious
4 jewel. The lazy man will not plow because of

winter; He will beg during harvest and 1 6 Take the garment of one who is surety have nothing.

for a stranger, And hold it as a pledge
5 when it is for a seductress.

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep

water, But a man of understanding will 1 7 Bread gained by deceit is sweet to a draw it out.

man, But afterward his mouth will be
6 filled with gravel.

Most men will proclaim each his own

goodness, But who can find a faithful 1 8 Plans are established by counsel; By man?

wise counsel wage war.

7 The righteous man walks in his

integrity; His children are blessed after 1 ' He who goes about as a talebearer

him. reveals secrets; Therefore do not

associate with one who flatters with his
8 lips.

A king who sits on the throne of
judgment Scatters all evil with his eyes.

20Whoever curses his father or his

mother, His lamp will be put out in deep 2 1 The king's heart is in the
hand of darkness.

the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He

2 turns it wherever He wishes. 1 An inheritance gained hastily at the
beginning Will not be blessed at the end. 2

Every way of a man is right in his own

2 eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts. 2 Do not say, "I will
recompense evil";

Wait for the LORD, and He will save you. 3To do righteousness and
justice Is

2 more acceptable to the LORD than 3Diverse weights are an
abomination to

sacrifice.

the LORD, And dishonest scales are not

good. 4

A haughty look, a proud heart, And the

2 plowing of the wicked are sin. 4A

man's steps are of the LORD; How

then can a man understand his own 5

The plans of the diligent lead surely to

way?

plenty, But those of everyone who is

2 hasty, surely to poverty. 5 I is a snare for a man to devote rashly
something as holy, And afterward to 6

Getting treasures by a lying tongue 1s

reconsider his vows.

the fleeting fantasy of those who seek

2 death. 6 A wise king sifts out the wicked, And brings the threshing
wheel over them. 7

The violence of the wicked will destroy

2 them, Because they refuse to do justice. 7 The spirit of a man is the
lamp of the

LORD, Searching all the inner depths of 8

The way of a guilty man is perverse;

his heart.

But as for the pure, his work is right.

2 ' Mercy and truth preserve the king, And 'Better to dwell in a corner
of a

by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

housetop, Than in a house shared with

2 a contentious woman. 9 The glory of young men is their

strength, And the splendor of old men is 1 0The soul of the wicked
desires evil; His their gray head.

neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

30

Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, As 1 1

When the scoffer is punished, the

do stripes the inner depths of the heart.

simple is made wise; But when the wise
is instructed, he receives knowledge.

1 2 2 3Whoever guards his mouth and tongue

The righteous God wisely considers
the house of the wicked, Overthrowing Keeps his soul from troubles.
the wicked for their wickedness.

2 4

A proud and haughty man--"Scoffer" is
13Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of
his name; He acts with arrogant pride.
the poor Will also cry himself and not be
heard. 2 5

The desire of the lazy man kills him,
For his hands refuse to labor.

14

A gift in secret pacifies anger, And a
bribe behind the back, strong wrath. 2 6He covets greedily all day
long, But

the righteous gives and does not spare.

15 I is a joy for the just to do justice, But
destruction will come to the workers of 2 7

The sacrifice of the wicked is an
iniquity. abomination; How much more when he

6A man who wanders from the way of brings it with wicked intent!

understanding Will rest in the assembly 2 8

A false witness shall perish, But the
of the dead. man who hears him will speak endlessly.

1 2 7He who loves pleasure will be a poor

' A wicked man hardens his face, But as
man; He who loves wine and oil will not for the upright, he
establishes his way.
be rich.

30There is no wisdom or understanding
18The wicked shall be a ransom for the
Or counsel against the LORD.
righteous, And the unfaithful for the
upright. 31

The horse is prepared for the day of
1 battle, But deliverance is of the LORD. 9Better to dwell in the
wilderness, Than
with a contentious and angry woman.

2 22A good name is to be chosen 0There is desirable treasure, And
oil in

rather than great riches, Loving favor
the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish
man squanders it. rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor have this in He who follows righteousness and

1 2

mercy Finds life, righteousness and common, The LORD is the maker
of

honor. them all.

22 EA prudent man foresees evil and hides

A wise man scales the city of the

mighty, And brings down the trusted himself, But the simple pass on
and are

stronghold. punished.

41 By humility and the fear of the LORD 6He who oppresses the poor
to Are riches and honor and life. increase his riches, And he who gives
to

the rich, will surely come to poverty.

5Thorns and snares are in the way of the 7 ncline your ear and hear
the words of

perverse; He who guards his soul will be 1

far from them. the wise, And apply your heart to my

knowledge;

6Train up a child in the way he should go, 8For it is a pleasant thing if
you keep

And when he is old he will not depart 1

from it. them within you; Let them all be fixed

upon your lips,

7The rich rules over the poor, And the

borrower is servant to the lender. 1' So that your trust may be in the LORD;

I have instructed you today, even you.

8He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow,

And the rod of his anger will fail. 2 OHave I not written to you excellent

things Of counsels and knowledge,

'He who has a generous eye will be 1That I may make you know the blessed, For he gives of his bread to the 2

poor. certainty of the words of truth, That you

may answer words of truth To those

10 who send to you?

Cast out the scoffer, and contention
will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will

2 2

cease. Do not rob the poor because he is

poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the

11He who loves purity of heart And has

gate;

grace on his lips, The king will be his

friend. 2 3For the LORD will plead their cause,

And plunder the soul of those who

12 plunder them.

The eyes of the LORD preserve
knowledge, But He overthrows the

2 4

words of the faithless. Make no friendship with an angry man,
And with a furious man do not go,

13 The lazy man says, "There is a lion

2 5

outside! I shall be slain in the streets!" Lest you learn his ways And set
a

snare for your soul.

14

The mouth of an immoral woman is a 6 Do not be one of those who
shakes

deep pit; He who is abhorred by the 2

LORD will fall there. hands in a pledge, One of those who is

surety for debts;

15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of

a child; The rod of correction will drive it

far from him.

2 9 7 you have nothing with which to pay,

Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,

Why should he take away your bed from For he will despise the
wisdom of your

under you? words.

2 1 80

Do not remove the ancient landmark Do not remove the ancient

landmark,

Which your fathers have set. Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;

2 1 1 9 Do you see a man who excels in his

For their Redeemer is mighty; He will

work? He will stand before kings; He will plead their cause against
you. not stand before unknown men.

1 2

Apply your heart to instruction, And
your ears to words of knowledge.

2 3 When you sit down to eat with a

ruler, Consider carefully what is before Do not withhold correction
from a child, 1 3

you; For if you beat him with a rod, he will not

die.

2 And put a knife to your throat If you are 4 ou shall beat him with a
rod, And

1

a man given to appetite.

deliver his soul from hell.

3 Do not desire his delicacies, For they 1 5 My son, if your heart is wise,
My heart are deceptive food.

will rejoice--indeed, I myself;

4Do not overwork to be rich; Because of 6 es, my inmost being will rejoice

1

your own understanding, cease!

When your lips speak right things.

5Will you set your eyes on that which is 7Do not let your heart envy sinners, But

1

not? For riches certainly make

themselves wings; They fly away like an be zealous for the fear of the LORD all

eagle toward heaven. the day;

6 1 8For surely there is a hereafter, And

Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor

desire his delicacies; your hope will not be cut off.

7 1' Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his your heart in the way.

heart is not with you. 0Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with

2

8 gluttonous eaters of meat; The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up, And waste your pleasant

words. 2 1For the drunkard and the glutton will

come to poverty, And drowsiness will

clothe a man with rags.

22 34 es, you will be like one who lies down

Listen to your father who begot you,

And do not despise your mother when in the midst of the sea, Or like
one who

she is old. lies at the top of the mast, saying:

2 3 354 Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also 'They have struck me,
but I was not

wisdom and instruction and hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not
understanding. feel it. When shall I awake, that I may

seek another drink?

24

The father of the righteous will greatly

rejoice, And he who begets a wise child

will delight in him. 24Do not be envious of evil men,

2 Nor desire to be with them; 5 Let your father and your mother be
glad, And let her who bore you rejoice. 2

For their heart devises violence, And

2 their lips talk of troublemaking. 6My son, give me your heart, And
let your eyes observe my ways. 3

Through wisdom a house is built, And

2 by understanding it is established; 7For a harlot is a deep pit, And a
seductress is a narrow well. 4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With

² all precious and pleasant riches. ⁸ She also lies in wait as for a victim,

And increases the unfaithful among men. ⁵A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of ² knowledge increases strength;

' Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who

has contentions? Who has complaints? ⁶

For by wise counsel you will wage your

Who has wounds without cause? Who own war, And in a multitude of

has redness of eyes?

counselors there is safety.

³⁰Those who linger long at the wine,

Those who go in search of mixed wine. not open his mouth in the gate. ⁷Wisdom is too lofty for a fool; He does

³¹Do not look on the wine when it is red, ⁸ He who plots to do evil Will be called a When it sparkles in the cup, When it schemer. swirls around smoothly;

³ 'The devising of foolishness is sin, And ²

At the last it bites like a serpent, And

the scoffer is an abomination to men.

stings like a viper.

³³Your eyes will see strange things, And Your strength is small. ¹ ⁰ you faint in the day of adversity, your heart will utter perverse things.

¹ ² ¹ Deliver those who are drawn toward

My son, fear the LORD and the king;

death, And hold back those stumbling to Do not associate with those given to

the slaughter. change;

1 2 you say, "Surely we did not know 2

For their calamity will rise suddenly,

this," Does not He who weighs the And who knows the ruin those two can

hearts consider it? He who keeps your bring? soul, does He not know it? And will He

not render to each man according to his 2 3These things also belong to the wise: deeds? It is not good to show partiality in

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3My son, eat honey because it is good, judgment.

And the honeycomb which is sweet to 2 4He who says to the wicked, "You are your taste; righteous," Him the people will curse;

Nations will abhor him.

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So shall the knowledge of wisdom be

to your soul; If you have found it, there 25But those who rebuke the wicked will is a prospect, And your hope will not be have delight, And a good blessing will

cut off. come upon them.

15Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, 6He who gives a right answer kisses

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against the dwelling of the righteous; Do the lips. not plunder his resting place;

27 Prepare your outside work, Make it fit

16 For a righteous man may fall seven for yourself in the field; And afterward

times And rise again, But the wicked build your house. shall fall by calamity.

2 8 Do not be a witness against your

17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,

neighbor without cause, For would you

And do not let your heart be glad when deceive with your lips? he stumbles;

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8 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease 2 ' Do not say, "I will do to him just as he

has done to me; I will render to the man

Him, And He turn away His wrath from according to his work." him.

1 30 went by the field of the lazy man, And

' Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor by the vineyard of the man devoid of

be envious of the wicked; understanding;

20 For there will be no prospect for the 31 And there it was, all overgrown with

evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be thorns; Its surface was covered with

put out. nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.

32 9 When I saw it, I considered it well; I Debate your case with your neighbor, looked on it and received instruction: And do not disclose the secret to

another;

USA little sleep, a little slumber, A little O 1 folding of the hands to rest; Lest he who hears it expose your

shame, And your reputation be ruined.

34So shall your poverty come like a 1 1 prowler, And your need like an armed A word fitly spoken is like apples of man. gold In settings of silver.

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Like an earring of gold and an

25These also are proverbs of ornament of fine gold 1s a wise rebuker

to an obedient ear.

Solomon which the men of Hezekiah

king of Judah copied: 1 3 Like the cold of snow in time of harvest

2 1s a faithful messenger to those who It is the glory of God to conceal a

send him, For he refreshes the soul of

matter, But the glory of kings is to

search out a matter. his masters.

3As the heavens for height and the earth 1 4Whoever falsely boasts of giving 1s like

clouds and wind without rain.

for depth, So the heart of kings is

unsearchable. ¹ 5 By long forbearance a ruler is ⁴ persuaded, And a gentle tongue breaks

will go to the silversmith for jewelry. a bone. Take away the dross from silver, And it

¹ 6 Have you found honey? Eat only as

⁵ Take away the wicked from before the

king, And his throne will be established much as you need, Lest you be filled

in righteousness. with it and vomit.

⁶ ¹ 7 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of SeIdom set foot in your neighbor's

the king, And do not stand in the place house, Lest he become weary of you

of the great; and hate you.

⁷ ¹ 8 For it is better that he say to you, A man who bears false witness

"Come up here," Than that you should against his neighbor Is like a club, a

be put lower in the presence of the sword, and a sharp arrow. prince, Whom your eyes have seen.

¹ ' Confidence in an unfaithful man in

⁸ time of trouble ^{1s} like a bad tooth and a Do not go hastily to court; For what will

you do in the end, When your neighbor foot out of joint. has put you to shame?

20Like one who takes away a garment in EA whip for the horse, A
bridle for the

cold weather, And like vinegar on soda, donkey, And a rod for the
fool's back.

1s one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

2 folly, Lest you also be like him.

1 your enemy is hungry, give him 4Do not answer a fool according to
his

bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give

him water to drink; 5Answer a fool according to his folly,

Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

22

For so you will heap coals of fire on his

head, And the LORD will reward you. 6 He who sends a message by
the hand

2 violence.

3The north wind brings forth rain, And a of a fool Cuts off his own
feet and drinks

backbiting tongue an angry

countenance. 7Like the legs of the lame that hang limp

Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

24 is better to dwell in a corner of a

housetop, Than in a house shared with 8Like one who binds a stone in
a sling Is a contentious woman. he who gives honor to a fool.

25As cold water to a weary soul, So is 'Like a thorn that goes into the
hand of a

good news from a far country. drunkard 1s a proverb in the mouth of
fools.

26 A righteous man who falters before the

wicked Is like a murky spring and a 1 0The great God who formed
everything polluted well. Gives the fool his hire and the

transgressor his wages.

2 7 I is not good to eat much honey; So to

seek one's own glory is not glory. 1 1As a dog returns to his own
vomit, So

a fool repeats his folly.

2 ' Whoever has no rule over his own

spirit Is like a city broken down, without 1 2Do you see a man wise
in his own walls. eyes? There is more hope for a fool

than for him.

26As snow in summer and rain in 1 3The lazy man says, "There is a
lion in

harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool. the road! A fierce lion is in
the streets!"

2 1 4As a door turns on its hinges, So does

Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying

swallow, So a curse without cause shall the lazy man on his bed. not
alight.

1 2 5The lazy man buries his hand in the 6Though his hatred is covered
by deceit, bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to His wickedness will

be revealed before

his mouth. the assembly.

1 2 6 7Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And

The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes

Than seven men who can answer he who rolls a stone will have it roll
back

sensibly. on him.

1 2 7 8A lying tongue hates those who are

He who passes by and meddles in a

quarrel not his own 1s like one who crushed by it, And a flattering
mouth

takes a dog by the ears. works ruin.

18

Like a madman who throws firebrands,

arrows, and death, 2 7Do not boast about tomorrow, For

1 you do not know what a day may bring

' Is the man who deceives his neighbor, forth.

And says, "I was only joking!"

2 your own mouth; A stranger, and not

0Where there is no wood, the fire goes 2 Let another man praise you,
and not

out; And where there is no talebearer, your own lips. strife ceases.

2 EA stone is heavy and sand is weighty, 1 As charcoal is to burning coals, and But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of

wood to fire, So is a contentious man to them. kindle strife.

2 The words of a talebearer are like who is able to stand before jealousy?

2 4Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But

tasty trifles, And they go down into the

inmost body. 5

Open rebuke is better Than love

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3Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are carefully concealed.

like earthenware covered with silver 6Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But

cross. the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

24 He who hates, disguises it with his lips, 7A satisfied soul loathes the honeycomb, And lays up deceit within himself; But to a hungry soul every bitter thing is

2 sweet. 5When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are seven abominations 8

Like a bird that wanders from its nest Is

in his heart; a man who wanders from his place.

'Ointment and perfume delight the heart, 2 OHeII and Destruction are never full; So And the sweetness of a man's friend the eyes of man are never satisfied. gives delight by hearty counsel.

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Do not forsake your own friend or your furnace for gold, And a man
is valued by

father's friend, Nor go to your brother's what others say of him. house
in the day of your calamity; Better

is a neighbor nearby than a brother far 2 2

Though you grind a fool in a mortar
away. with a pestle along with crushed grain,

1 him.

1My son, be wise, and make my heart Yet his foolishness will not
depart from

glad, That I may answer him who
reproaches me. 2 3

Be diligent to know the state of your
flocks, And attend to your herds;

12

A prudent man foresees evil and hides
himself; The simple pass on and are 24

For riches are not forever, Nor does a
punished. crown endure to all generations.

13Take the garment of him who is surety 5When the hay is removed,
and the

for a stranger, And hold it in pledge tender grass shows itself, And the herbs

when he is surety for a seductress. of the mountains are gathered in,

14 6

He who blesses his friend with a loud 2 The lambs will provide your clothing,

voice, rising early in the morning, It will And the goats the price of a field; be counted a curse to him.

27 ou shall have enough goats' milk for

15 A continual dripping on a very rainy your food, For the food of your

day And a contentious woman are alike; household, And the nourishment of your

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6Whoever restrains her restrains the maidservants.

wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

1 28The wicked flee when no one 7 As iron sharpens iron, So a man pursues, But the righteous are bold as a sharpens the countenance of his friend. lion.

1' Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its

2Because of the transgression of a land,

fruit; So he who waits on his master will

many are its princes; But by a man of

be honored.

understanding and knowledge Right will

1 be prolonged.

' As in water face reflects face, So a
man's heart reveals the man. EA poor man who oppresses the poor Is
like a driving rain which leaves no food.

4 14

Those who forsake the law praise the Happy is the man who is always
wicked, But such as keep the law reverent, But he who hardens his
heart
contend with them. will fall into calamity.

5 1 5

Evil men do not understand justice, But Like a roaring lion and a
charging bear

those who seek the LORD understand Is a wicked ruler over poor
people. all.

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A ruler who lacks understanding is a
6Better is the poor who walks in his great oppressor, But he who hates
integrity Than one perverse in his ways, covetousness will prolong his
days. though he be rich.

1 7 A man burdened with bloodshed will

7Whoever keeps the law is a discerning flee into a pit; Let no one help
him. son, But a companion of gluttons

shames his father. 1 8Whoever walks blamelessly will be

saved, But he who is perverse in his

'One who increases his possessions by ways will suddenly fall. usury
and extortion Gathers it for him

who will pity the poor. 1 ' He who tills his land will have plenty of

bread, But he who follows frivolity will

'One who turns away his ear from have poverty enough! hearing the law, Even his prayer is an

abomination. 20A faithful man will abound with

1 will not go unpunished.

0Whoever causes the upright to go blessings, But he who hastens to be rich

astray in an evil way, He himself will fall

into his own pit; But the blameless will 21To show partiality is not good, inherit good. Because for a piece of bread a man will

transgress.

11

The rich man is wise in his own eyes,

But the poor who has understanding 2 2A man with an evil eye hastens after searches him out. riches, And does not consider that

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2When the righteous rejoice, there is poverty will come upon him.

great glory; But when the wicked arise, 2 3He who rebukes a man will find more men hide themselves. favor afterward Than he who flatters

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3He who covers his sins will not prosper, with the tongue.

But whoever confesses and forsakes 2 4Whoever robs his father or his mother, them will have mercy. And says, "It is no transgression," The

same is companion to a destroyer.

2 8 5He who is of a proud heart stirs up

Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise

strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will men turn away wrath. be prospered.

9If a wise man contends with a foolish

26

He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, man, Whether the fool rages or laughs,

But whoever walks wisely will be there is no peace. delivered.

1 0The bloodthirsty hate the blameless,

27

He who gives to the poor will not lack, But the upright seek his well-being.

But he who hides his eyes will have

many curses. 11A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise

man holds them back.

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When the wicked arise, men hide

themselves; But when they perish, the 12 a ruler pays attention to lies, All his righteous increase. servants become wicked.

13

The poor man and the oppressor have

29 He who is often rebuked, and this in common: The LORD gives light to

hardens his neck, Will suddenly be the eyes of both.

destroyed, and that without remedy. 4The king who judges the poor with

2 truth, His throne will be established When the righteous are in authority, the

people rejoice; But when a wicked man forever. rules, the people groan.

1 5The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But

3Whoever loves wisdom makes his a child left to himself brings shame to

father rejoice, But a companion of his mother. harlots wastes his wealth.

16When the wicked are multiplied,

4The king establishes the land by justice, transgression increases; But the But he who receives bribes overthrows it. righteous will see their fall.

5 17

A man who flatters his neighbor Correct your son, and he will give you

Spreads a net for his feet. rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul.

6By transgression an evil man is snared, 8Where there is no revelation, the

But the righteous sings and rejoices. 1

people cast off restraint; But happy is he

7 who keeps the law. The righteous considers the cause of

the poor, But the wicked does not 1' A servant will not be corrected by understand such knowledge.

mere words; For though he understands,

he will not respond.

2 4 0 Do you see a man hasty in his words?

Who has ascended into heaven, or

There is more hope for a fool than for descended? Who has gathered
the wind

him. in His fists? Who has bound the waters

in a garment? Who has established all

21 the ends of the earth? What is His name,

He who pampers his servant from

childhood Will have him as a son in the and what is His Son's name, If
you

end. know?

2 5 2 Every word of God is pure; He is a An angry man stirs up strife,
And a furious man abounds in transgression. shield to those who put
their trust in Him.

2 6 Do not add to His words, Lest He man's pride will bring him low,
But 3 A the humble in spirit will retain honor. rebuke you, and you be
found a liar.

2 Two things I request of You (Deprive

4 Whoever is a partner with a thief hates 7

his own life; He swears to tell the truth, me not before I die): but
reveals nothing.

8 Remove falsehood and lies far from

25 The fear of man brings a snare, But

me; Give me neither poverty nor riches--

whoever trusts in the LORD shall be Feed me with the food allotted to me;

safe.

9Lest I be full and deny You, And say,

26 "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor

Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice

for man comes from the LORD. and steal, And profane the name of my

God.

27An unjust man is an abomination to

10Do not malign a servant to his master,

the righteous, And he who is upright in

the way is an abomination to the wicked. Lest he curse you, and you be found

guilty.

11There is a generation that curses its

30The words of Agur the son of

father, And does not bless its mother.

Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared

to Ithiel--to Ithiel and Ucal: 12There is a generation that is pure in its 2 own eyes, Yet is not washed from its

Surely I am more stupid than any man, filthiness.

And do not have the understanding of a

man. 1 3There is a generation-- oh, how lofty

I I neither learned wisdom Nor have are their eyes! And their eyelids are

lifted up.

knowledge of the Holy One.

14

There is a generation whose teeth are
like swords, And whose fangs are like knives, To devour the poor from
off the 2 5The ants are a people not strong, Yet earth, And the needy
from among men. they prepare their food in the summer;

1 2 5The leech has two daughters-- Give 6The rock badgers are a feeble
folk, Yet and Give! There are three things that they make their homes
in the crags; are never satisfied, Four never say,

"Enough!": 2 7

The locusts have no king, Yet they all
advance in ranks;

16

The grave, The barren womb, The
earth that is not satisfied with water-- 2 8The spider skillfully grasps
with its And the fire never says, "Enough!" hands, And it is in kings'
palaces.

17 The eye that mocks his father, And 2 ' There are three things which
are scorns obedience to his mother, The majestic in pace, Yes, four
which are

ravens of the valley will pick it out, And stately in walk: the young
eagles will eat it.

30

1 A lion, which is mighty among beasts 8There are three things which
are too

And does not turn away from any;

wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do

not understand: UA greyhound, A male goat also, And a

1 king whose troops are with him. 9The way of an eagle in the air, The

way of a serpent on a rock, The way of 32 you have been foolish in
exalting a ship in the midst of the sea, And the

yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put

way of a man with a virgin.

your hand on your mouth.

20 33For as the churning of milk produces

This is the way of an adulterous

woman: She eats and wipes her mouth,

butter, And wringing the nose produces

And says, "I have done no wickedness."

blood, So the forcing of wrath produces

2 strife. 1For three things the earth is perturbed, Yes, for four it cannot
bear up:

2 3 1 The words of King Lemuel, the 2For a servant when he
reigns, A fool

when he is filled with food, utterance which his mother taught him:

2 What, my son? And what, son of my A hateful woman when she is
married,

And a maidservant who succeeds her womb? And what, son of my
vows?

mistress. 3Do not give your strength to women,

24There are four things which are little

Nor your ways to that which destroys
kings.

on the earth, But they are exceedingly

wise:

4 1 7

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for She girds herself with
strength, And

kings to drink wine, Nor for princes strengthens her arms. intoxicating
drink;

1 8

She perceives that her merchandise is

5Lest they drink and forget the law, And good, And her lamp does not
go out by

pervert the justice of all the afflicted. night.

6 1 Give strong drink to him who is ' She stretches out her hands to the
perishing, And wine to those who are distaff, And her hand holds the
spindle.

bitter of heart.

2 0She extends her hand to the poor, Yes,

7Let him drink and forget his poverty, she reaches out her hands to the
needy.

And remember his misery no more.

She is not afraid of snow for her

sopen your mouth for the speechless, In household, For all her
household is

the cause of all who are appointed to die. clothed with scarlet.

'Open your mouth, judge righteously, 2 2

She makes tapestry for herself; Her

And plead the cause of the poor and clothing is fine linen and purple.
needy.

2 3Her husband is known in the gates,

10Who can find a virtuous wife? For her

When he sits among the elders of the

worth is far above rubies. land.

1 2 4 1The heart of her husband safely trusts

She makes linen garments and sells

her; So he will have no lack of gain. them, And supplies sashes for the
merchants.

12

She does him good and not evil All the
days of her life. 2 5Strength and honor are her clothing;

She shall rejoice in time to come.

13

She seeks wool and flax, And willingly

works with her hands. 2 6

She opens her mouth with wisdom,

And on her tongue is the law of

14 kindness.

She is like the merchant ships, She

brings her food from afar.

2 7

She watches over the ways of her

15 household, And does not eat the bread

She also rises while it is yet night, And

provides food for her household, And a of idleness.

portion for her maidservants. 8Her children rise up and call her

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16 blessed; Her husband also, and he

She considers a field and buys it;

From her profits she plants a vineyard. praises her:

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Psalms of the Forefathers

PSALM 1 3"Let us break Their bonds in pieces

And cast away Their cords from us."

1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in

the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands 4He who sits in the heavens
shall laugh;

in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the The LORD shall hold them in
derision.

seat of the scornful;

5Then He shall speak to them in His

2 wrath, And distress them in His deep But his delight is in the law of

the LORD,

And in His law he meditates day and displeasure: night.

6 Yet I have set My King On My holy hill

3He shall be like a tree Planted by the of Zion." rivers of water,
That brings forth its fruit

in its season, Whose leaf also shall not 7 I will declare the decree: The
LORD wither; And whatever he does shall has said to Me, "You are My
Son, Today

prosper. I have begotten You.

4 8 The ungodly are not so, But are like the Ask of Me, and I will give
You The chaff which the wind drives away. nations for Your
inheritance, And the

ends of the earth for Your possession.

5Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in

the judgment, Nor sinners in the 'You shall break them with a rod of
iron;

congregation of the righteous. You shall dash them to pieces like a

potter's vessel."

6For the LORD knows the way of the 0Now therefore, be wise, O
kings; Be

righteous, But the way of the ungodly 1

shall perish. instructed, you judges of the earth.

PSALM 2 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice 11

with trembling.

1 Why do the nations rage, And the
people plot a vain thing? Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And 1 2
you perish in the way, When His wrath
2 is kindled but a little. Blessed are all
The kings of the earth set themselves,
those who put their trust in Him.

And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD and against His
Anointed, saying, PSALM 3

1 LORD, how they have increased who 3But know that the LORD has
set apart
trouble me! Many are they who rise up for Himself him who is godly;
The LORD
against me. will hear when I call to Him.

2 4 Many are they who say of me, "There is Be angry, and do not sin.
Meditate no help for him in God."Selah within your heart on your bed,
and be

still.Selah

3But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,
My glory and the One who lifts up my 5Offer the sacrifices of
righteousness, head. And put your trust in the LORD.

4 6 1 cried to the LORD with my voice, And There are many who say,
"Who will He heard me from His holy hill.Selah show us any good?"
LORD, lift up the

light of Your countenance upon us.

51 lay down and slept; I awoke, for the

LORD sustained me. 7 You have put gladness in my heart,

More than in the season that their grain

6 and wine increased. 1 will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
Who have set themselves

against me all around. 81 will both lie down in peace, and sleep;

For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell

7 in safety. Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck
all my enemies on

the cheekbone; You have broken the PSALM 5 teeth of the
ungodly.

1Give ear to my words, O LORD,

8Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your Consider my meditation.
blessing is upon Your people.Selah

2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My

PSALM 4 King and my God, For to You I will pray.

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my 3My voice You shall hear in the
morning,

righteousness! You have relieved me in O LORD; In the morning I will
direct it to

my distress; Have mercy on me, and You, And I will look up. hear my
prayer.

4 For You are not a God who takes

2How long, O you sons of men, Will you pleasure in wickedness, Nor
shall evil

turn my glory to shame? How long will dwell with You. you love
worthlessness And seek

falsehood? Selah 5 The boastful shall not stand in Your

sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

6 You shall destroy those who speak 3 My soul also is greatly troubled;
But

falsehood; The LORD abhors the You, O LORD--how long?
bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

4 Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save

7 But as for me, I will come into Your me for Your mercies' sake! house
in the multitude of Your mercy; In

fear of You I will worship toward Your 5 For in death there is no
remembrance holy temple. of You; In the grave who will give You

thanks?

8 Lead me, O LORD, in Your

righteousness because of my enemies; 6 I am weary with my groaning;
All night I Make Your way straight before my face. make my bed
swim; I drench my couch

with my tears.

'For there is no faithfulness in their

mouth; Their inward part is destruction; 7 My eye wastes away because
of grief; Their throat is an open tomb; They It grows old because of all
my enemies.

flatter with their tongue.

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OPronounce them guilty, O God! Let 8 Depart from me, all you workers
of

iniquity; For the LORD has heard the

them fall by their own counsels; Cast voice of my weeping. them out
in the multitude of their

transgressions, For they have rebelled 'The LORD has heard my

supplication;

against You.

The LORD will receive my prayer.

11 But let all those rejoice who put their 10 Let all my enemies be
ashamed and trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy,

greatly troubled; Let them turn back and

because You defend them; Let those

be ashamed suddenly.

also who love Your name Be joyful in

You.

PSALM 7

12 For You, O LORD, will bless the

righteous; With favor You will surround 10 LORD my God, in You I
put my trust; him as with a shield. Save me from all those who
persecute

me; And deliver me,

PSALM 6 2 Lest they tear me like a lion, Rending

1 me in pieces, while there is none to

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your

deliver.

anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot

displeasure. T

O LORD my God, if I have done this: If

2 there is iniquity in my hands,

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am

weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones

are troubled.

4 1 If I have repaid evil to him who was at 4 Behold, the wicked brings forth peace with me, Or have plundered my iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and

enemy without cause, brings forth falsehood.

5 1 5

Let the enemy pursue me and overtake He made a pit and dug it out, And has

me; Yes, let him trample my life to the fallen into the ditch which he made. earth, And lay my honor in the

dust. Selah 1 6

His trouble shall return upon his own

head, And his violent dealing shall come

6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift down on his own crown. Yourself up because of the rage of my

enemies; Rise up for me to the 1 7a will praise the LORD according to His judgment You have commanded! righteousness, And will sing praise to

the name of the LORD Most High.

7 So the congregation of the peoples

shall surround You; For their sakes, PSALM 8 therefore, return on high.

1 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is

8 The LORD shall judge the peoples;

Your name in all the earth, Who have

Judge me, O LORD, according to my

set Your glory above the heavens!

righteousness, And according to my

integrity within me. ²

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing

infants You have ordained strength,

'Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked

Because of Your enemies, That You

come to an end, But establish the just; may silence the enemy and the avenger.

For the righteous God tests the hearts

and minds. ³When I consider Your heavens, the

¹ work of Your fingers, The moon and the ⁰My defense is of God, Who saves the

stars, which You have ordained,

upright in heart.

¹ God is a just judge, And God is angry him, And the son of man that You visit

^{1 4} What is man that You are mindful of

with the wicked every day. him?

¹² he does not turn back, He will

⁵For You have made him a little lower

sharpen His sword; He bends His bow than the angels, And You have

crowned

and makes it ready. him with glory and honor.

13He also prepares for Himself 6You have made him to have dominion
instruments of death; He makes His over the works of Your hands; You
have

arrows into fiery shafts. put all things under his feet, 7 9 All sheep and
oxen-- Even the beasts The LORD also will be a refuge for the of the
field, oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

8 1 The birds of the air, And the fish of the 0And those who know Your
name will sea That pass through the paths of the put their trust in
You; For You, LORD,

seas. have not forsaken those who seek You.

1 1

'O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Sing praises to the LORD, who
dwells

Your name in all the earth! in Zion! Declare His deeds among the
people.

PSALM 9 1 2When He avenges blood, He

1 remembers them; He does not forget

1 will praise You, O LORD, with my

the cry of the humble.

whole heart; I will tell of all Your

marvelous works. 1 3Have mercy on me, O LORD! 2 Consider my

trouble from those who

I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will

hate me, You who lift me up from the

sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

gates of death,

3When my enemies turn back, They 14That I may tell of all Your
praise In the shall fall and perish at Your presence. gates of the
daughter of Zion. I will 4 rejoice in Your salvation.

For You have maintained my right and

my cause; You sat on the throne judging 1 5The nations have sunk
down in the pit in righteousness.

which they made; In the net which they

5 hid, their own foot is caught.

You have rebuked the nations, You

have destroyed the wicked; You have 16The LORD is known by the
judgment blotted out their name forever and ever.

He executes; The wicked is snared in

6 the work of his own hands.

0 enemy, destructions are finished

forever! And you have destroyed cities; 1 7The wicked shall be turned
into hell, Even their memory has perished. And all the nations that
forget God.

7But the LORD shall endure forever; He 8

1 For the needy shall not always be

has prepared His throne for judgment.

forgotten; The expectation of the poor

8 shall not perish forever.

He shall judge the world in

righteousness, And He shall administer ¹ ' Arise, O LORD, Do not let
man prevail; judgment for the peoples in uprightness. Let the nations
be judged in Your sight. ² ¹ O O ut them in fear, O LORD, That the So
he crouches, he lies low, That the nations may know themselves to be
but helpless may fall by his strength. men.Selah

¹ ¹

He has said in his heart, "God has

PSALM 10 forgotten; He hides His face; He will

never see."

¹ Why do You stand afar off, O LORD?

Why do You hide in times of trouble? Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up
Your ¹ ²

hand! Do not forget the humble.

²The wicked in his pride persecutes the ³Why do the wicked renounce
God? He

¹

poor; Let them be caught in the plots

which they have devised. has said in his heart, "You will not

require an account."

³For the wicked boasts of his heart's

desire; He blesses the greedy and But You have seen, for You observe ¹
⁴

renounces the LORD. trouble and grief, To repay it by Your

hand. The helpless commits himself to

4 You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

The wicked in his proud countenance

does not seek God; God is in none of 1 5Break the arm of the wicked
and the his thoughts.

evil man; Seek out his wickedness until

5 You find none.

His ways are always prospering; Your

judgments are far above, out of his 1 6The LORD is King forever and
ever; sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them. The nations have
perished out of His

land.

6He has said in his heart, "I shall not be 1 7

moved; I shall never be in adversity." LORD, You have heard the
desire of

the humble; You will prepare their heart;

7 You will cause Your ear to hear,

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit

and oppression; Under his tongue is 1 8To do justice to the fatherless
and the trouble and iniquity.

oppressed, That the man of the earth

8 may oppress no more. He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In
the secret places he murders

the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed **PSALM 11** on the helpless.

¹In the LORD I put my trust; How can

'He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to

den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He your mountain"? catches the poor when he draws him

into his net.

^{2 5} For look! The wicked bend their bow, For the oppression of the poor, for the They make ready their arrow on the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,"

string, That they may shoot secretly at says the LORD; "I will set him in the

the upright in heart. safety for which he yearns."

E ⁶

If the foundations are destroyed, What The words of the LORD are pure words,

can the righteous do? Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,

Purified seven times.

⁴The LORD is in His holy temple, The

LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes ⁷You shall keep them, O LORD, You behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. shall preserve them from this generation

forever.

⁵The LORD tests the righteous, But the

wicked and the one who loves violence ⁸The wicked prowl on every side, When His soul hates. vileness is exalted among the sons of

men.

⁶Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire

and brimstone and a burning wind Shall PSALM 13 be the
portion of their cup.

1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me

7For the LORD is righteous, He loves forever? How long will You hide
Your

righteousness; His countenance face from me? beholds the upright.

2How long shall I take counsel in my

PSALM 12 soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily?

How long will my enemy be exalted over

1 me? Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful
disappear from among

the sons of men. 3Consider and hear me, O LORD my

God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the

2 sleep of death; They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With
flattering lips and a

double heart they speak. 4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed

against him"; Lest those who trouble me

3May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, rejoice when I am moved.
And the tongue that speaks proud things,

5 But I have trusted in Your mercy; My

4 heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. Who have said, "With our
tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is

lord over us?" I I will sing to the LORD, Because He

has dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14 3He who does not backbite with his

tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor,

1 Nor does he take up a reproach against The fool has said in his

heart, "There is

his friend;

no God." They are corrupt, They have

done abominable works, There is none ⁴In whose eyes a vile person is despised, who does good.

But he honors those who fear the

² LORD; He who swears to his own hurt

The LORD looks down from heaven

and does not change;

upon the children of men, To see if there

are any who understand, who seek God. ⁵He who does not put out his money at

³They have all turned aside, They have usury, Nor does he take a bribe against

the innocent. He who does these things

together become corrupt; There is none

who does good, No, not one. shall never be moved.

⁴ PSALM 16 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as

they eat bread, And do not call on the ¹Preserve me, O God, for in You I put LORD? my trust.

⁵ ² There they are in great fear, For God is O my soul, you have said to the LORD, with the generation of the righteous. "You are my Lord, My

goodness is

nothing apart from You."

⁶You shame the counsel of the poor, But

the LORD is his refuge. ³As for the saints who are on the earth,

"They are the excellent ones, in whom is

⁷ all my delight." Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD

brings back the captivity of His people, ⁴Their sorrows shall be multiplied who Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. hasten after another god; Their drink

offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor

PSALM 15 take up their names on my lips.

⁵O LORD, You are the portion of my

¹ LORD, who may abide in Your

inheritance and my cup; You maintain

tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy

hill? my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen to me in pleasant

²He who walks uprightly, And works

righteousness, And speaks the truth in places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

his heart; ⁷1 will bless the LORD who has given me

counsel; My heart also instructs me in

the night seasons.

8 7 I have set the LORD always before me; Show Your marvelous
lovingkindness Because He is at my right hand I shall by Your right
hand, O You who save

not be moved. those who trust in You From those who

rise up against them.

"Therefore my heart is glad, and my

glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in 8Keep me as the apple of Your
eye; hope. Hide me under the shadow of Your

wings,

10

For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,

Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see 'From the wicked who
oppress me,

corruption. From my deadly enemies who surround

me.

1 I will show me the path of life; In

Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your 1 0They have closed up their
fat hearts; right hand are pleasures forevermore. With their mouths
they speak proudly.

PSALM 17 They have now surrounded us in our 1 1

steps; They have set their eyes,

1 crouching down to the earth,

Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to

my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is 12As a lion is eager to tear his
prey, And not from deceitful lips.

like a young lion lurking in secret places.

2Let my vindication come from Your 3Arise, O LORD, Confront him,
cast him

1

presence; Let Your eyes look on the
things that are upright. down; Deliver my life from the wicked
with Your sword,

3You have tested my heart; You have 14
visited me in the night; You have tried with Your hand from men, O
LORD,
me and have found nothing; I have From men of the world who have
their
purposed that my mouth shall not portion in this life, And whose belly
You
transgress. fill with Your hidden treasure. They are
satisfied with children, And leave the
4 rest of their possession for their babes.
Concerning the works of men, By the

word of Your lips, I have kept away from 1 5As for me, I will see Your
face in the paths of the destroyer.

righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I
5 awake in Your likeness.
Uphold my steps in Your paths, That
my footsteps may not slip.

61 have called upon You, for You will

hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, 11 will love You, O LORD, my strength. and hear my speech.

21 The LORD is my rock and my fortress 3The LORD thundered from heaven, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, And the Most High uttered His voice,

in whom I will trust; My shield and the Hailstones and coals of fire. horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

1 4

He sent out His arrows and scattered

I

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and

to be praised; So shall I be saved from He vanquished them. my enemies.

1 5

Then the channels of the sea were

4The pangs of death surrounded me, seen, The foundations of the world were

And the floods of ungodliness made me uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At

afraid. the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

5 1 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; 6He sent from above, He took me; He The snares of death confronted me. drew me out of many waters.

6 1 7

In my distress I called upon the LORD, He delivered me from my strong

And cried out to my God; He heard my enemy, From those who hated me, For

voice from His temple, And my cry came they were too strong for me. before Him, even to His ears.

18They confronted me in the day of my

7Then the earth shook and trembled; calamity, But the LORD was my support.

The foundations of the hills also quaked

and were shaken, Because He was 1 ' He also brought me out into a broad angry. place; He delivered me because He

delighted in me.

8Smoke went up from His nostrils, And

devouring fire from His mouth; Coals 2 0The LORD rewarded me
according to were kindled by it. my righteousness; According to the

cleanness of my hands He has

'He bowed the heavens also, and came recompensed me. down With
darkness under His feet.

2 1

1 And have not wickedly departed from

0And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; For I have kept the ways of
the LORD,

He flew upon the wings of the wind. my God.

1 2 1 2 He made darkness His secret place; For all His judgments were
before me, His canopy around Him was dark waters And I did not put
away His statutes from

And thick clouds of the skies. me.

1 2 2From the brightness before Him, His 3 was also blameless before
Him, And thick clouds passed with hailstones and I kept myself from
my iniquity. coals of fire.

24Therefore 36 ou enlarged my path under me, So

the LORD has

recompensed me according to my my feet did not slip. righteousness,
According to the

cleanness of my hands in His sight. 37 have pursued my enemies and

overtaken them; Neither did I turn back

25 again till they were destroyed.

With the merciful You will show

Yourself merciful; With a blameless man 8a have wounded them, So
that they

You will show Yourself blameless; 3

could not rise; They have fallen under

26wiih the pure You will show Yourself

my feet.

pure; And with the devious You will

show Yourself shrewd. 3' For You have armed me with strength

for the battle; You have subdued under

27For You will save the humble people,

me those who rose up against me.

But will bring down haughty looks. 0 ou have also given me the necks
of

4

28For You will light my lamp; The LORD

my enemies, So that I destroyed those

my God will enlighten my darkness. who hated me.

4 1They cried out, but there was none to

2' For by You I can run against a troop,

By my God I can leap over a wall. save; Even to the LORD, but He
did not

answer them.

30As for God, His way is perfect; The 4 2

word of the LORD is proven; He is a Then I beat them as fine as the dust

shield to all who trust in Him. before the wind; I cast them out like dirt

in the streets.

31For who is God, except the LORD? 4 3 ou have delivered me from the And who is a rock, except our God?

strivings of the people; You have made

3 me the head of the nations; A people I 2 is God who arms me with strength,

have not known shall serve me.

And makes my way perfect.

33 4 4As soon as they hear of me they obey

He makes my feet like the feet of deer,

me; The foreigners submit to me.

And sets me on my high places.

The foreigners fade away, And come

34He teaches my hands to make war, So 4 5

frightened from their hideouts.

that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35You have also given me the shield of 4 6

The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock!

Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Your salvation; Your right hand has held

me up, Your gentleness has made me 4 7It is God who avenges me,
And great.

subdues the peoples under me;

4 8 ' He delivers me from my enemies. You The statutes of the LORD
are right, also lift me up above those who rise rejoicing the heart; The
commandment

against me; You have delivered me from of the LORD is pure,
enlightening the

the violent man. eyes;

4 ' Therefore I will give thanks to You, O 'The fear of the LORD is
clean,

LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing enduring forever; The judgments
of the

praises to Your name. LORD are true and righteous altogether.

5 1 0 0More to be desired are they than gold,

Great deliverance He gives to His king,

And shows mercy to His anointed, To Yea, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also

David and his descendants forevermore. than honey and the
honeycomb.

1 1Moreover by them Your servant is

warned, And in keeping them there is

¹ great reward.

The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament shows His handiwork. ¹ ²Who can understand his errors? ² Cleanse me from secret faults.

Day unto day utters speech, And night

unto night reveals knowledge. ¹³Keep back Your servant also from

³There is no speech nor language presumptuous sins; Let them not have

dominion over me. Then I shall be

Where their voice is not heard.

blameless, And I shall be innocent of

⁴ great transgression.

Their line has gone out through all the

earth, And their words to the end of the ¹ ⁴

Let the words of my mouth and the

world. In them He has set a tabernacle

meditation of my heart Be acceptable in

for the sun,

Your sight, O LORD, my strength and

⁵ my Redeemer.

Which is like a bridegroom coming out

of his chamber, And rejoices like a

strong man to run its race. PSALM 20

61 May the LORD answer you in the day Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And of trouble; May the name of the God of

there is nothing hidden from its heat. Jacob defend you;

72 May He send you help from the The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of sanctuary, And strengthen you out of

the LORD is sure, making wise the Zion; simple;

3May He remember all your offerings,

And accept your burnt sacrifice.Selah 45 May He grant you according to your His glory is great in Your salvation; heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose. Honor and majesty You have placed

upon him.

5We will rejoice in your salvation, And in

the name of our God we will set up our 6For You have made him most blessed banners! May the LORD fulfill all your forever; You have made him petitions. exceedingly glad with Your presence.

67 Now I know that the LORD saves His For the king trusts in the LORD, And anointed; He will answer him from His through the mercy of the Most High he

holy heaven With the saving strength of shall not be moved. His right hand.

8Your hand will find all Your enemies;

7Some trust in chariots, and some in Your right hand will find those who hate

horses; But we will remember the name You. of the LORD our God.

'You shall make them as a fiery oven in

8They have bowed down and fallen; But the time of Your anger; The LORD shall

we have risen and stand upright. swallow them up in His wrath, And the

fire shall devour them.

'Save, LORD! May the King answer us

when we call. 1 0Their offspring You shall destroy from

the earth, And their descendants from

PSALM 21 among the sons of men.

1 1 The king shall have joy in Your strength, For they intended evil against You;

O LORD; And in Your salvation how They devised a plot which they are not

able to perform.

greatly shall he rejoice!

1 2Therefore You will make them turn

2You have given him his heart's desire,

And have not withheld the request of his their back; You will make ready Your

arrows on Your string toward their faces.

lips.Selah

3For You meet him with the blessings of 1 3

Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own

strength! We will sing and praise Your

goodness; You set a crown of pure gold

upon his head. power.

4 PSALM 22 He asked life from You, and You gave it to him-- Length
of days forever and ever.

1My God, My God, why have You
forsaken Me? Why are You so far from
helping Me, And from the words of My
groaning?

2 1 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You 4 am poured out like
water, And all My do not hear; And in the night season, bones are out
of joint; My heart is like

and am not silent. wax; It has melted within Me.

3 15

But You are holy, Enthroned in the My strength is dried up like a
potsheer,

praises of Israel. And My tongue clings to My jaws; You

have brought Me to the dust of death.

4Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, 6For dogs have surrounded
Me; The

and You delivered them. 1

congregation of the wicked has

5 enclosed Me. They pierced My hands They cried to You, and were
delivered;

They trusted in You, and were not and My feet; ashamed.

1 7a can count all My bones. They look

6 and stare at Me. But I am a worm, and no man; A

reproach of men, and despised by the 8They divide My garments
among them,

people. 1

And for My clothing they cast lots.

7All those who see Me ridicule Me; They

shoot out the lip, they shake the head, 1' But You, O LORD, do not be
far from saying, Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

8 2 He trusted in the LORD, let Him 0Deliver Me from the sword, My
rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since precious life from the power
of the dog.

He delights in Him!"

2 1Save Me from the lion's mouth And

'But You are He who took Me out of the from the horns of the wild
oxen! You

womb; You made Me trust while on My have answered Me. mother's
breasts.

2 2 will declare Your name to My

10 was cast upon You from birth. From

brethren; In the midst of the assembly I

My mother's womb You have been My will praise You. God.

2 3You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

11

Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; All you descendants of
Jacob, glorify

For there is none to help. Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of

Israel!

12

Many bulls have surrounded Me;

2 4

Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled For He has not despised nor
abhorred

Me. the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He

hidden His face from Him; But when He

13They gape at Me with their mouths,

cried to Him, He heard.

Like a raging and roaring lion.

2 4 5My praise shall be of You in the great

Yea, though I walk through the valley of

assembly; I will pay My vows before the shadow of death, I will fear
no evil;

those who fear Him. For You are with me; Your rod and Your

staff, they comfort me.

26

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

Those who seek Him will praise the 5You prepare a table before me in
the LORD. Let your heart live forever! presence of my enemies; You
anoint my

head with oil; My cup runs over.

27

All the ends of the world Shall

remember and turn to the LORD, And all ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow the families of the nations Shall worship me All the days of my life; And I will

before You. dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

²⁸For the kingdom is the LORD's, And

PSALM 24

He rules over the nations.

¹The earth is the LORD's, and all its

²' All the prosperous of the earth Shall fullness, The world and those who dwell

eat and worship; All those who go down therein. to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even

he who cannot keep himself alive. ² For He has founded it upon the seas,

COA posterity shall serve Him. It will be And established it upon the waters.

recounted of the Lord to the next ³Who may ascend into the hill of the generation, LORD? Or who may stand in His holy

³ place?

¹

They will come and declare His

righteousness to a people who will be ⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure born, That He has done this. heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to

an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

PSALM 23

5He shall receive blessing from the

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not LORD, And righteousness from the God

want. of his salvation.

2 6 He makes me to lie down in greenThis is Jacob, the generation of those pastures; He leads me beside the still who seek Him, Who seek Your waters. face.Selah

3He restores my soul; He leads me in 7Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be the paths of righteousness For His lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the

name's sake. King of glory shall come in.

8 9 Who is this King of glory? The LORD The humble He guides in justice, And strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in the humble He teaches His way. battle.

1 0All the paths of the LORD are mercy

'Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, and truth, To such as keep His covenant

you everlasting doors! And the King of and His testimonies. glory shall come in.

1 1

1 Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

0Who is this King of glory? The LORD For Your name's sake, O LORD, of hosts, He is the King of glory.Selah

1 2

Who is the man that fears the LORD?

PSALM 25 Him shall He teach in the way He

chooses.

¹ To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

¹ ³

He himself shall dwell in prosperity,

² And his descendants shall inherit the

O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be

earth.

ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph

over me. ¹ ⁴The secret of the LORD is with those

³Indeed, let no one who waits on You be who fear Him, And He will show them

His covenant.

ashamed; Let those be ashamed who

deal treacherously without cause. ¹ ⁵ My eyes are ever toward the LORD, ⁴ For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach

me Your paths. ¹ ⁶Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy ⁵ on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You are the God of my salvation; On ¹ ⁷The troubles of my heart have You I wait all the day.

enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses!

⁶Remember, O LORD, Your tender ⁸Look on my affliction and my pain, And

mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For

they are from of old. forgive all my sins.

7 1 Do not remember the sins of my youth, ' Consider my enemies, for
they are nor my transgressions; According to many; And they hate me
with cruel

Your mercy remember me, For Your hatred. goodness' sake, O LORD.

2 0Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me

8 not be ashamed, for I put my trust in Good and upright is the LORD;

Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. You.

2 1 11

Let integrity and uprightness preserve But as for me, I will walk in
my

me, For I wait for You. integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to

me.

22

Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their

1 2

troubles! My foot stands in an even place; In the

congregations I will bless the LORD.

PSALM 26

PSALM 27

1 Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have

walked in my integrity. I have also 1The LORD is my light and my
salvation; trusted in the LORD; I shall not slip. Whom shall I fear? The
LORD is the

strength of my life; Of whom shall I be

2 afraid? Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

2 When the wicked came against me To

3For Your lovingkindness is before my eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes,

eyes, And I have walked in Your truth. They stumbled and fell.

4 3Though an army may encamp against

1 have not sat with idolatrous mortals,

Nor will I go in with hypocrites. me, My heart shall not fear; Though war

may rise against me, In this I will be

5 confident.

1 have hated the assembly of evildoers,

And will not sit with the wicked. 4

One thing I have desired of the LORD,

6 That will I seek: That I may dwell in the

1 will wash my hands in innocence; So I

house of the LORD All the days of my

will go about Your altar, O LORD,

life, To behold the beauty of the LORD,

7 And to inquire in His temple.

That I may proclaim with the voice of

thanksgiving, And tell of all Your 5

For in the time of trouble He shall hide

wondrous works.

me in His pavilion; In the secret place of

8 His tabernacle He shall hide me; He

LORD, I have loved the habitation of shall set me high upon a rock.

Your house, And the place where Your

glory dwells. 6

And now my head shall be lifted up

above my enemies all around me;

'Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor Therefore I will offer
sacrifices of joy in

my life with bloodthirsty men, His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will
sing

1 praises to the LORD. 0 n whose hands is a sinister scheme,

And whose right hand is full of bribes. 7 Hear, 0 LORD, when I cry
with my

voice! Have mercy also upon me, and

answer me.

8 When You said, "Seek My face," My speak peace to their neighbors,
But evil

heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I is in their hearts. will seek."

4 Give them according to their deeds,

'Do not hide Your face from me; Do not And according to the
wickedness of their

turn Your servant away in anger; You endeavors; Give them according
to the

have been my help; Do not leave me work of their hands; Render to

them

nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. what they deserve.

15 OWhen my father and my mother

Because they do not regard the works

forsake me, Then the LORD will take of the LORD, Nor the operation
of His

care of me. hands, He shall destroy them And not

build them up.

11Teach me Your way, O LORD, And

lead me in a smooth path, because of 6Blessed be the LORD, Because
He has my enemies. heard the voice of my supplications!

17 2

Do not deliver me to the will of my The LORD is my strength and
my

adversaries; For false witnesses have shield; My heart trusted in Him,
and I am

risen against me, And such as breathe helped; Therefore my heart
greatly

out violence. rejoices, And with my song I will praise

Him.

13 would have lost heart, unless I had

believed That I would see the goodness 8The LORD is their strength,
And He is of the LORD In the land of the living. the saving refuge of
His anointed.

14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good 'Save Your people, And bless Your
courage, And He shall strengthen your inheritance; Shepherd them

also, And

heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! bear them up forever.

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1 To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do Give unto the LORD, O you mighty not be silent to me, Lest, if You are ones, Give unto the LORD glory and

silent to me, I become like those who go strength. down to the pit.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to

2Hear the voice of my supplications His name; Worship the LORD in the

When I cry to You, When I lift up my beauty of holiness. hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

3The voice of the LORD is over the

3Do not take me away with the wicked waters; The God of glory thunders; The

And with the workers of iniquity, Who LORD is over many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; The Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of voice of the LORD is full of majesty. His, And give thanks at the

remembrance of His holy name.

5The voice of the LORD breaks the

cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the 5For His anger is but for a moment, His cedars of Lebanon. favor is for life; Weeping may endure for

a night, But joy comes in the morning.

6He makes them also skip like a calf,

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. 6Now in my prosperity I

said, "I shall

never be moved."

7The voice of the LORD divides the

flames of fire. 7LORD, by Your favor You have made

my mountain stand strong; You hid Your

8 face, and I was troubled. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the

Wilderness of Kadesh. 81 cried out to You, O LORD; And to the

LORD I made supplication:

"The voice of the LORD makes the deer

give birth, And strips the forests bare; "What profit is there in my blood, When

And in His temple everyone says, I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise

"Glory!" You? Will it declare Your truth?

11 00Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on

The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood,

And the LORD sits as King forever. me; LORD, be my helper!"

11 1The LORD will give strength to His 1 ou have turned for me my mourning people; The LORD will bless His people into dancing; You have put off my

with peace. sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

PSALM 30 To the end that my glory may sing 12

praise to You and not be silent. O LORD

¹ my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have

lifted me up, And have not let my foes

rejoice over me. PSALM 31

² O LORD my God, I cried out to You, In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me And You healed me. never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your

righteousness.

T

O LORD, You brought my soul up from

the grave; You have kept me alive, that I ²Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me should not go down to the pit. speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A

fortress of defense to save me.

³For You are my rock and my fortress; together against me, They scheme to

Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead take away my life. me and guide me.

¹4

But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;

⁴Pull me out of the net which they have I say, "You are my God." secretly laid for me, For You are my

strength. ¹ ⁵My times are in Your hand; Deliver me

from the hand of my enemies, And from

into Your hand I commit my spirit; You those who persecute me. have redeemed me, O LORD God of

truth. ¹⁶Make Your face shine upon Your

servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.

⁶I have hated those who regard useless

idols; But I trust in the LORD. ¹ ⁷Do not let me be ashamed, O LORD,

for I have called upon You; Let the

⁷I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, wicked be ashamed; Let them be silent

For You have considered my trouble; in the grave. You have known my soul in adversities,

¹ ⁸Let the lying lips be put to silence,

⁸And have not shut me up into the hand Which speak insolent things proudly and

of the enemy; You have set my feet in a contemptuously against the righteous.

wide place.

¹ ' Oh, how great is Your goodness,

'Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am Which You have laid up for those who

in trouble; My eye wastes away with fear You, Which You have prepared for

grief, Yes, my soul and my body! those who trust in You In the presence

of the sons of men!

¹⁰For my life is spent with grief, And my

years with sighing; My strength fails ² ⁰ ou shall hide them in the secret place because of my iniquity, And my bones of Your presence From the plots of man;

waste away. You shall keep them secretly in a

pavilion From the strife of tongues.

1 1a am a reproach among all my

enemies, But especially among my 2 1Blessed be the LORD, For He has
neighbors, And am repulsive to my shown me His marvelous kindness
in a

acquaintances; Those who see me strong city! outside flee from me.

2 2For I said in my haste, "I am cut off

1 2a am forgotten like a dead man, out of

from before Your eyes"; Nevertheless

mind; I am like a broken vessel. You heard the voice of my
supplications

When I cried out to You.

13For I hear the slander of many; Fear is

on every side; While they take counsel

2 9 3

Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! Do not be like the horse or
like the mule,

For the LORD preserves the faithful, Which have no understanding,
Which

And fully repays the proud person. must be harnessed with bit and
bridle,

Else they will not come near you.

24

Be of good courage, And He shall

1 0

strengthen your heart, All you who hope Many sorrows shall be to the
wicked;

in the LORD. But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy

shall surround him.

PSALM 32 ¹ Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you

¹ righteous; And shout for joy, all you

Blessed is he whose transgression is

upright in heart!

forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

² PSALM 33 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose

spirit there is no deceit. ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise from the upright is beautiful.

³ When I kept silent, my bones grew old

Through my groaning all the day long. ² Praise the LORD with the harp; Make

melody to Him with an instrument of ten

⁴ strings. For day and night Your hand was

heavy upon me; My vitality was turned

into the drought of summer. Selah Sing ³

to Him a new song; Play skillfully

with a shout of joy.

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my

iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will ⁴ For the word of the LORD is right, And confess my transgressions to the all His work is done in truth. LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of

my sin. Selah 5He loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the goodness of the

6For this cause everyone who is godly LORD. shall pray to You In a time when You

may be found; Surely in a flood of great 6By the word of the LORD the heavens

waters They shall not come near him. were made, And all the host of them by

the breath of His mouth.

7You are my hiding place; You shall

preserve me from trouble; You shall 7He gathers the waters of the sea surround me with songs of together as a heap; He lays up the deep deliverance. Selah in storehouses.

8I will instruct you and teach you in the

way you should go; I will guide you with

My eye.

8 2 0

Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our

the inhabitants of the world stand in awe help and our shield. of Him.

2 1

For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

'For He spoke, and it was done; He Because we have trusted in His holy

commanded, and it stood fast. name.

¹ ² 0The LORD brings the counsel of the

2

Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
nations to nothing; He makes the plans Just as we hope in You. of the
peoples of no effect.

¹ PSALM 34 ¹The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of
His heart to all ¹

¹ will bless the LORD at all times; His
generations.

praise shall continually be in my mouth.

¹ ² Blessed is the nation whose God is the

² My soul shall make its boast in the
LORD, The people He has chosen as

LORD; The humble shall hear of it and
His own inheritance.

be glad.

¹ ³ The LORD looks from heaven; He ³ Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
And let

sees all the sons of men.

us exalt His name together.

¹ ⁴

From the place of His dwelling He ⁴

¹ sought the LORD, and He heard me,

looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; And delivered me from all my fears.

¹⁵He fashions their hearts individually;

He considers all their works. ⁵ They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces were not ashamed.

¹⁶No king is saved by the multitude of an

army; A mighty man is not delivered by ⁶ This poor man cried out, and the LORD

heard him, And saved him out of all his great strength.

troubles.

¹⁷

A horse is a vain hope for safety; ⁷

The angel of the LORD encamps all

Neither shall it deliver any by its great

around those who fear Him, And strength.

delivers them.

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is on

⁸Oh, taste and see that the LORD is those who fear Him, On those who hope

good; Blessed is the man who trusts in in His mercy,

Him!

¹⁹To deliver their soul from death, And to

'Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!

keep them alive in famine.

There is no want to those who fear Him.

^{1 2 0}The young lions lack and suffer

2

The LORD redeems the soul of His

hunger; But those who seek the LORD servants, And none of those
who trust in

shall not lack any good thing. Him shall be condemned.

¹¹

Come, you children, listen to me; I will PSALM 35

teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹ Plead my cause, O LORD, with those

¹² Who is the man who desires life, And who strive with me; Fight
against those

loves many days, that he may see who fight against me. good?

¹ stand up for my help.

³Keep your tongue from evil, And your ² Take hold of shield and
buckler, And

lips from speaking deceit.

^{1 3}Also draw out the spear, And stop ⁴ Depart from evil and do good;
Seek those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I

peace and pursue it. am your salvation."

14 5The eyes of the LORD are on the

Let those be put to shame and brought

righteous, And His ears are open to their to dishonor Who seek after
my life; Let

cW' those be turned back and brought to

confusion Who plot my hurt.

16The face of the LORD is against those

who do evil, To cut off the remembrance sLet them be like chaff before
the wind, of them from the earth. And let the angel of the LORD chase

them.

17The righteous cry out, and the LORD

hears, And delivers them out of all their 6 Let their way be dark and
slippery, And troubles. let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

17 ' The LORD is near to those who have For without cause they
have hidden a broken heart, And saves such as have their net for me
in a pit, Which they have

a contrite spirit. dug without cause for my life.

18 9Many are the afflictions of the

Let destruction come upon him

righteous, But the LORD delivers him unexpectedly, And let his net
that he

out of them all. has hidden catch himself; Into that very

destruction let him fall.

20He guards all his bones; Not one of

them is broken. 9And my soul shall be joyful in the

LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.

21

Evil shall slay the wicked, And those
who hate the righteous shall be
condemned.

1 2 O All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is O For they do not speak
peace, But they like You, Delivering the poor from him devise
deceitful matters Against the

who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor quiet ones in the land. and
the needy from him who plunders

him?" 2 1

They also opened their mouth wide
against me, And said, "Aha, aha! Our

11

Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me eyes have seen it."
things that I do not know.

2 2

1 keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from

2 They reward me evil for good, To the This You have seen, O LORD;
Do not

sorrow of my soul. me.

1 2 33

But as for me, when they were sick, Stir up Yourself, and awake to
my

My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled vindication, To my cause, my
God and

myself with fasting; And my prayer my Lord. would return to my own heart.

24Vindicate me, O LORD my God,

14a paced about as though he were my

according to Your righteousness; And

friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, let them not rejoice over me.
as one who mourns for his mother.

2 5Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah,

15But in my adversity they rejoiced And

so we would have it!" Let them not say,

gathered together; Attackers gathered "We have swallowed him up."
against me, And I did not know it; They

tore at me and did not cease; 26Let them be ashamed and brought to

mutual confusion Who rejoice at my

16

with ungodly mockers at feasts They hurt; Let them be clothed with
shame

gnashed at me with their teeth. and dishonor Who exalt themselves

against me.

17

Lord, how long will You look on? 7Let them shout for joy and be
glad,

Rescue me from their destructions, My 2

precious life from the lions. Who favor my righteous cause; And let

them say continually, "Let the LORD be

1 magnified, Who has pleasure in the ' I will give You thanks in the
great

assembly; I will praise You among many prosperity of His servant."
people.

2' And my tongue shall speak of Your

1 righteousness And of Your praise all the ' Let them not rejoice over
me who are

wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them day long. wink with the eye who
hate me without a

cause. PSALM 36

1 11

An oracle within my heart concerning Let not the foot of pride come
against

the transgression of the wicked: There is me, And let not the hand of
the wicked

no fear of God before his eyes. drive me away.

2 1 2

For he flatters himself in his own eyes, There the workers of iniquity
have

When he finds out his iniquity and when fallen; They have been cast
down and

he hates. are not able to rise.

3

The words of his mouth are wickedness PSALM 37

and deceit; He has ceased to be wise

and to do good. 1

Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor

4 be envious of the workers of iniquity.

He devises wickedness on his bed; He

sets himself in a way that is not good; 2

For they shall soon be cut down like the

He does not abhor evil.

grass, And wither as the green herb.

5Your mercy, O LORD, is in the 3Trust in the LORD, and do good;
Dwell

heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to in the land, and feed on His
faithfulness.

the clouds.

4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And

6Your righteousness is like the great

He shall give you the desires of your

mountains; Your judgments are a great

heart.

deep; O LORD, You preserve man and

beast. 5Commit your way to the LORD, Trust 7 also in Him, And He
shall bring it to pass.

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O

God! Therefore the children of men put 6

their trust under the shadow of Your He shall bring forth your
righteousness

wings. as the light, And your justice as the

noonday.

8They are abundantly satisfied with the

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for

fullness of Your house, And You give

them drink from the river of Your Him; Do not fret because of him
who

pleasures. prospers in his way, Because of the

man who brings wicked schemes to

pass.

'For with You is the fountain of life; In

Your light we see light. 8Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

1 Do not fret--it only causes harm. 0 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness
to

those who know You, And Your 9For evildoers shall be cut off; But
those righteousness to the upright in heart. who wait on the LORD,
They shall

inherit the earth.

1 2 0For yet a little while and the wicked

1

The wicked borrows and does not

shall be no more; Indeed, you will look repay, But the righteous shows
mercy

carefully for his place, But it shall be no and gives. more.

2 2

For those blessed by Him shall inherit

11

But the meek shall inherit the earth, the earth, But those cursed by
Him shall

And shall delight themselves in the be cut off. abundance of peace.

2 3The steps of a good man are ordered

12The wicked plots against the just, And

by the LORD, And He delights in his
gnashes at him with his teeth. way.

1 2 34

The Lord laughs at him, For He sees Though he fall, he shall not be
utterly

that his day is coming. cast down; For the LORD upholds him
with His hand.

14The wicked have drawn the sword And

have bent their bow, To cast down the 2 5a have been young, and now
am old; poor and needy, To slay those who are Yet I have not seen the
righteous

of upright conduct. forsaken, Nor his descendants begging
bread.

15Their sword shall enter their own heart,

And their bows shall be broken. 2 6He is ever merciful, and lends;
And his

descendants are blessed.

16A little that a righteous man has Is

2 7

better than the riches of many wicked. Depart from evil, and do good;
And

dwell forevermore.

17For the arms of the wicked shall be

broken, But the LORD upholds the 2 8For the LORD loves justice, And
does righteous. not forsake His saints; They are

preserved forever, But the descendants

1 of the wicked shall be cut off. ' The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be

forever. 2 ' The righteous shall inherit the land,

And dwell in it forever.

19

They shall not be ashamed in the evil

30

time, And in the days of famine they The mouth of the righteous speaks

shall be satisfied. wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.

2 31 OBut the wicked shall perish; And the

The law of his God is in his heart;

enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor None of his steps shall slide. of the meadows, shall vanish. Into

smoke they shall vanish away. 32The wicked watches the righteous,

And seeks to slay him.

33The LORD will not leave him in his 3There is no soundness in my flesh

hand, Nor condemn him when he is Because of Your anger, Nor any health

judged. in my bones Because of my sin.

34 4

Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, For my iniquities have gone over my

And He shall exalt you to inherit the head; Like a heavy burden they are too

land; When the wicked are cut off, you heavy for me. shall see it.

5My wounds are foul and festering

35a have seen the wicked in great power, Because of my foolishness.
And spreading himself like a native

green tree. 6I am troubled, I am bowed down

36Yet he passed away, and behold, he greatly; I go mourning all the
day long.

was no more; Indeed I sought him, but 7For my loins are full of
inflammation, he could not be found. And there is no soundness in my
flesh.

37Mark the blameless man, and observe 8 I am feeble and severely
broken; I the upright; For the future of that man is groan because of
the turmoil of my heart.

peace.

3' But the transgressors shall be Lord, all my desire is before You; And
my sighing is not hidden from You.

destroyed together; The future of the

wicked shall be cut off. 10My heart pants, my strength fails me;

39But the salvation of the righteous is As for the light of my eyes, it
also has

gone from me.

from the LORD; He is their strength in

the time of trouble. 11My loved ones and my friends stand

4 aloof from my plague, And my relatives 0And the LORD shall help
them and

stand afar off.

deliver them; He shall deliver them from

the wicked, And save them, Because 12

Those also who seek my life lay

they trust in Him.

snares for me; Those who seek my hurt

speak of destruction, And plan

PSALM 38 deception all the day long.

11 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your 3But I, like a deaf man, do not
hear; wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot And I am like a mute who
does not open

displeasure! his mouth.

21 4

For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Thus I am like a man who
does not

Your hand presses me down. hear, And in whose mouth is no

response.

14 5For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will

LORD, make me to know my end, And

hear, O Lord my God. what is the measure of my days, That I

may know how frail I am.

16For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice

over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they s Indeed, You have made my
days as exalt themselves against me." handbreadths, And my age is as
nothing

before You; Certainly every man at his

17 best state is but vapor.Selah

For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow
is continually before me.

6 Surely every man walks about like a

1 shadow; Surely they busy themselves in ' For I will declare my
iniquity; I will be in

anguish over my sin. vain; He heaps up riches, And does not

know who will gather them.

1 ' But my enemies are vigorous, and

they are strong; And those who hate me 7 And now, Lord, what do I
wait for? My

wrongfully have multiplied. hope is in You.

2 8 OThose also who render evil for good,

Deliver me from all my transgressions;

They are my adversaries, because I Do not make me the reproach of
the

follow what is good. foolish.

2 9 1Do not forsake me, O LORD; 0 my

1 was mute, I did not open my mouth,

God, be not far from me! Because it was You who did it.

2 1 2Make haste to help me, O Lord, my 0Remove Your plague from
me; I am salvation! consumed by the blow of Your hand.

PSALM 39 When with rebukes You correct man

for iniquity, You make his beauty melt

1 away like a moth; Surely every man is

1 said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin vapor.Selah

with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth

with a muzzle, While the wicked are 1 2 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
And give before me." ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my 2 tears; For
I am a stranger with You, A

1 was mute with silence, I held my

sojourner, as all my fathers were.

peace even from good; And my sorrow

was stirred up. 1 3Remove Your gaze from me, that I

3My heart was hot within me; While I may regain strength, Before I
go away

and am no more."

was musing, the fire burned. Then I

spoke with my tongue:

PSALM 40

1 11

1 waited patiently for the LORD; And He Do not withhold Your tender
mercies

inclined to me, And heard my cry. from me, O LORD; Let Your

lovingkindness and Your truth

2 continually preserve me. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,

Out of the miry clay, And set my feet

upon a rock, And established my steps. For innumerable ¹ 2 evils have

surrounded me; My iniquities have

3 overtaken me, so that I am not able to He has put a new song in my mouth--

Praise to our God; Many will see it and look up; They are more than the hairs of

fear, And will trust in the LORD. my head; Therefore my heart fails me.

¹ 3 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; 0

⁴ Blessed is that man who makes the

LORD his trust, And does not respect LORD, make haste to help me! the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

¹ 4

Let them be ashamed and brought to

⁵ mutual confusion Who seek to destroy Many, O LORD my God, are Your

wonderful works Which You have done; my life; Let them be driven backward

And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be and brought to dishonor Who wish me

recounted to You in order; If I would evil. declare and speak of them, They are

more than can be numbered. ¹⁵ Let them be confounded because of

their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

⁶ Sacrifice and offering You did not

desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt Let all those who seek You
rejoice and

offering and sin offering You did not be glad in You; Let such as love
Your

require. salvation say continually, "The LORD be

magnified!"

7Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the 7But I am poor and needy; Yet
the

scroll of the book it is written of me. 1

LORD thinks upon me. You are my help

8 and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my 1 delight to do Your will, O
my God, And

Your law is within my heart." God.

'I have proclaimed the good news of PSALM 41 righteousness
In the great assembly;

Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O 1Blessed is he who considers the
poor; LORD, You Yourself know. The LORD will deliver him in time
of

1

0a have not hidden Your righteousness trouble.

within my heart; I have declared Your 2 The LORD will preserve him
and keep faithfulness and Your salvation; I have him alive, And he
will be blessed on the

not concealed Your lovingkindness and earth; You will not deliver
him to the will

Your truth From the great assembly. of his enemies.

3The LORD will strengthen him on his 1As the deer pants for the water

brooks, bed of illness; You will sustain him on So pants my soul for
You, O God. his sickbed.

2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living

41 said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal God. When shall I come and
appear

my soul, for I have sinned against You." before God?

5 3

My enemies speak evil of me: "When My tears have been my food day
and

will he die, and his name perish?" night, While they continually say to
me,

"Where is your God?"

6And if he comes to see me, he speaks

lies; His heart gathers iniquity to itself; 4When I remember these
things, I pour When he goes out, he tells it. out my soul within me.
For I used to go

with the multitude; I went with them to

7 the house of God, With the voice of joy All who hate me whisper
together

against me; Against me they devise my and praise, With a multitude
that kept a

hurt. pilgrim feast.

8 5Why are you cast down, O my soul? An evil disease," they say,
"clings to him. And now that he lies down, he will And why are you
disquieted within me?

rise up no more." Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him

For the help of His countenance.

Even my own familiar friend in whom I 6

trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up O my God, my soul is cast
down within

his heel against me. me; Therefore I will remember You from

the land of the Jordan, And from the

¹ heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar. ⁰But You, O LORD, be
merciful to me,

and raise me up, That I may repay them. ⁷ Deep calls unto deep at the
noise of ¹¹ Your waterfalls; All Your waves and

By this I know that You are well

billows have gone over me.

pleased with me, Because my enemy

does not triumph over me. ⁸ The LORD will command His ¹²
lovingkindness in the daytime, And in

As for me, You uphold me in my

the night His song shall be with me-- A

integrity, And set me before Your face

prayer to the God of my life.

forever.

¹ I will say to God my Rock, "Why have ³ Blessed be the LORD God of
Israel

You forgotten me? Why do I go

From everlasting to everlasting! Amen

mourning because of the oppression of

and Amen.

the enemy?"

PSALM 42

¹ ² OAs with a breaking of my bones, My

You drove out the nations with Your
enemies reproach me, While they say to hand, But them You planted;
You

me all day long, "Where is your God?" afflicted the peoples, and cast
them out.

¹¹ ³

Why are you cast down, O my soul? For they did not gain
possession of the

And why are you disquieted within me? land by their own sword, Nor
did their

Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, own arm save them; But it
was Your

The help of my countenance and my right hand, Your arm, and the
light of

God. Your countenance, Because You

avored them.

PSALM 43 ⁴ You are my King, O God; Command

¹ victories for Jacob.

Vindicate me, O God, And plead my

cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, ⁵Through You we will push
down our deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! enemies;
Through Your name we will

trample those who rise up against us.

²For You are the God of my strength; ⁶For I will not trust in my bow,
Nor shall

Why do You cast me off? Why do I go

mourning because of the oppression of my sword save me. the enemy?

⁷But You have saved us from our

3 enemies, And have put to shame those Oh, send out Your light and
Your truth!

Let them lead me; Let them bring me to who hated us. Your holy hill
And to Your tabernacle.

⁸ In God we boast all day long, And

⁴ praise Your name forever. Selah Then I will go to the altar of God, To
God my exceeding joy; And on the harp

I will praise You, O God, my God. ⁹ But You have cast us off and put
us to

shame, And You do not go out with our

⁵ armies. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you
disquieted within me?

Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, ¹⁰ You make us turn back from
the The help of my countenance and my enemy, And those who hate
us have

God. taken spoil for themselves.

¹¹ You have given us up like sheep

PSALM 44

intended for food, And have scattered

¹ us among the nations. We have heard with our ears, O God,

Our fathers have told us, The deeds ¹² You sell Your people for next to

You did in their days, In days of old:

nothing, And are not enriched by selling
them.

^{1 2} 3 You make us a reproach to our ⁵ For our soul is bowed down to
the neighbors, A scorn and a derision to dust; Our body clings to the
ground. those all around us.

² 6 Arise for our help, And redeem us for

¹⁴ You make us a byword among the Your mercies' sake. nations, A
shaking of the head among

the peoples. PSALM 45

¹⁵

My dishonor is continually before me, ¹

My heart is overflowing with a good

And the shame of my face has covered

theme; I recite my composition

me, concerning the King; My tongue is the

¹ pen of a ready writer. ⁶ Because of the voice of him who reproaches
and reviles, Because of the ²

You are fairer than the sons of men;

enemy and the avenger.

Grace is poured upon Your lips;

¹ Therefore God has blessed You forever. ⁷ All this has come upon us;
But we

have not forgotten You, Nor have we ³ Gird Your sword upon Your
thigh, O

dealt falsely with Your covenant.

1 majesty.

' Our heart has not turned back, Nor

have our steps departed from Your way; 4 And in Your majesty ride
prosperously

1 because of truth, humility, and ' But You have severely broken us
in righteousness; And Your right hand

the place of jackals, And covered us shall teach You awesome things.
with the shadow of death.

2 the King's enemies; The peoples fall

0 we had forgotten the name of our 5Your arrows are sharp in the
heart of

God, Or stretched out our hands to a under You. foreign god,

2 6Your throne, O God, is forever and 1 Would not God search this
out? For ever; A scepter of righteousness is the

He knows the secrets of the heart. scepter of Your kingdom.

2 7 2 Yet for Your sake we are killed all day You love righteousness
and hate long; We are accounted as sheep for wickedness; Therefore
God, Your God,

the slaughter. has anointed You With the oil of

gladness more than Your companions.

23

Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?

Arise! Do not cast us off forever. ⁸All Your garments are scented with

myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the

²⁴Why do You hide Your face, And

ivory palaces, by which they have made

forget our affliction and our oppression? You glad.

'Kings' daughters are among Your ² Therefore we will not fear, Even though honorable women; At Your right hand the earth be removed, And though the

stands the queen in gold from Ophir. mountains be carried into the midst of

the sea;

¹⁰Listen, O daughter, Consider and

3

incline your ear; Forget your own people Though its waters roar and be troubled,

also, and your father's house; Though the mountains shake with its

swelling.Selah

¹¹

So the King will greatly desire your

beauty; Because He is your Lord, ⁴ There is a river whose streams shall worship Him. make glad the city of God, The holy

place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

¹² And the daughter of Tyre will come

with a gift; The rich among the people ⁵God is in the midst of her, she shall not will seek your favor. be moved; God shall help her, just at the

break of dawn.

¹³The royal daughter is all glorious

within the palace; Her clothing is woven 6The nations raged, the
kingdoms were with gold. moved; He uttered His voice, the earth
melted.

14

She shall be brought to the King in
robes of many colors; The virgins, her 7The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God companions who follow her, shall be of Jacob is our
refuge.Selah brought to You.

1 Who has made desolations in the earth.

5With gladness and rejoicing they shall 8Come, behold the works of
the LORD,

be brought; They shall enter the King's

palace. 9He makes wars cease to the end of the

earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the

16 nstead of Your fathers shall be Your spear in two; He burns the
chariot in the

sons, Whom You shall make princes in fire.

all the earth.

1 0

Be still, and know that I am God; I will

1 7 will make Your name to be

be exalted among the nations, I will be

remembered in all generations; exalted in the earth! Therefore the
people shall praise You

forever and ever. 1 1 The LORD of hosts is with us; The

God of Jacob is our refuge.Selah

¹ God is our refuge and strength, A very
present help in trouble.

¹ 3

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! God is in her palaces; He is
known as

Shout to God with the voice of triumph! her refuge.

² ⁴ For the LORD Most High is awesome; For behold, the kings
assembled, They He is a great King over all the earth. passed by
together.

³He will subdue the peoples under us, ⁵They saw it, and so they
marveled; And the nations under our feet. They were troubled, they
hastened

away.

⁴He will choose our inheritance for us,

The excellence of Jacob whom He ⁶Fear took hold of them there, And
pain, loves. Selah as of a woman in birth pangs,

⁵ ⁷ God has gone up with a shout, The As when You break the ships of
LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Tarshish With an east wind.

⁶ ⁸ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing As we have heard, So we
have seen In praises to our King, sing praises! the city of the LORD of
hosts, In the city

of our God: God will establish it

7 forever. Selah For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

'We have thought, O God, on Your

8 lovingkindness, In the midst of Your God reigns over the nations;
God sits

on His holy throne. temple.

1 0 According to Your name, O God, So is

"The princes of the people have

gathered together, The people of the Your praise to the ends of the
earth;

God of Abraham. For the shields of the Your right hand is full of
righteousness.

earth belong to God; He is greatly

1 1

exalted. Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the

daughters of Judah be glad, Because of

PSALM 48 Your judgments.

1 2

1 Walk about Zion, And go all around

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be

her. Count her towers;

praised In the city of our God, In His

holy mountain. 1 3 Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her 2 palaces;
That you may tell it to the

Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the

generation following.

whole earth, 1s Mount Zion on the sides

of the north, The city of the great King. 14For this is God, Our God
forever and

ever; He will be our guide Even to death.

PSALM 49 Nevertheless man, though in honor, 1 2

does not remain; He is like the beasts

1 that perish.

Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all

inhabitants of the world, 1 3 This is the way of those who are

2 foolish, And of their posterity who Both low and high, Rich and poor
together. approve their sayings.Selah

3My mouth shall speak wisdom, And the 1 4

Like sheep they are laid in the grave;

meditation of my heart shall give Death shall feed on them; The
upright

understanding. shall have dominion over them in the

morning; And their beauty shall be

4 consumed in the grave, far from their

1 will incline my ear to a proverb; I will dwelling.

disclose my dark saying on the harp.

1 5But God will redeem my soul from the

5Why should I fear in the days of evil,

power of the grave, For He shall receive

When the iniquity at my heels surrounds me.Selah me?

1 6Do not be afraid when one becomes

6Those who trust in their wealth And rich, When the glory of his house is

boast in the multitude of their riches,

increased;

7None of them can by any means 1 7

For when he dies he shall carry

redeem his brother, Nor give to God a

nothing away; His glory shall not

ransom for him--

descend after him.

8For the redemption of their souls is 1 8Though while he lives he blesses costly, And it shall cease forever--

himself (For men will praise you when

you do well for yourself),

'That he should continue to live eternally,

And not see the Pit. 1

' He shall go to the generation of his

1 fathers; They shall never see light. 0For he sees wise men die;

Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, 2 0

A man who is in honor, yet does not

And leave their wealth to others.

understand, 1s like the beasts that perish.

1 Their inner thought is that their houses

will last forever, Their dwelling places to PSALM 50

all generations; They call their lands

after their own names. 1 The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has

spoken and called the earth From the

rising of the sun to its going down.

2 1 4

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, Offer to God thanksgiving, And pay

God will shine forth. your vows to the Most High.

3 15

Our God shall come, and shall not keep Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I

silent; A fire shall devour before Him, will deliver you, and you shall glorify

And it shall be very tempestuous all Me." around Him.

16 But to the wicked God says: "What

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, right have you to declare My statutes,

And to the earth, that He may judge His Or take My covenant in your mouth, people:

17

Seeing you hate instruction And cast

5 Gather My saints together to Me, My words behind you? Those who have made a covenant with

Me by sacrifice." 1 8 When you saw a thief, you consented

with him, And have been a partaker with

6Let the heavens declare His adulterers.

righteousness, For God Himself is

Judge.Selah 1 ' You give your mouth to evil, And your

tongue frames deceit.

7 Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O

Israel, and I will testify against you; I am 2 O you sit and speak against
your God, your God! brother; You slander your own mother's

son.

8I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices

Or your burnt offerings, Which are 2 1These things you have done, and
I continually before Me. kept silent; You thought that I was

altogether like you; But I will rebuke you,

'I will not take a bull from your house, And set them in order before
your eyes.

Nor goats out of your folds.

2 2 Now consider this, you who forget

10For every beast of the forest is Mine,

God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there

And the cattle on a thousand hills. be none to deliver:

1 2 I know all the birds of the mountains, 3Whoever offers praise
glorifies Me; And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. And to him
who orders his conduct

aright I will show the salvation of God."

12§§f I were hungry, I would not tell you;

For the world is Mine, and all its fullness. PSALM 51

1 1 3Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the

Have mercy upon me, O God,

blood of goats? According to Your lovingkindness;

According to the multitude of Your 13Then I will teach transgressors
Your tender mercies, Blot out my ways, And sinners shall be converted
to transgressions. You.

2 1 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, 4Deliver me from the guilt
of bloodshed, And cleanse me from my sin. O God, The God of my
salvation, And

my tongue shall sing aloud of Your

3 righteousness. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is
always before me.

1 5

O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth

4 shall show forth Your praise. Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight-- That

You may be found just when You speak, For You do not desire
sacrifice, or else 1 6

And blameless when You judge. I would give it; You do not delight in

burnt offering.

5Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

And in sin my mother conceived me. 1 7

The sacrifices of God are a broken

spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--

6 These, O God, You will not despise. Behold, You desire truth in the
inward

parts, And in the hidden part You will 8Do good in Your good
pleasure to

make me to know wisdom. 1

Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

7Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be

clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter 1 ' Then You shall be pleased
with the than snow. sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt

offering and whole burnt offering; Then

'Make me hear joy and gladness, That they shall offer bulls on Your
altar. the bones You have broken may rejoice.

PSALM 52

'Hide Your face from my sins, And blot

out all my iniquities. 1Why do you boast in evil, O mighty 1 man? The
goodness of God endures

0

Create in me a clean heart, O God, continually.

And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

2Your tongue devises destruction, Like a

11

Do not cast me away from Your sharp razor, working deceitfully.

presence, And do not take Your Holy

Spirit from me. 3You love evil more than good, Lying

rather than speaking

12Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

righteousness.SeIah

And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

4You love all devouring words, You they eat bread, And do not call upon

deceitful tongue. God?

5 5 God shall likewise destroy you forever; There they are in great fear Where no He shall take you away, and pluck you fear was, For God has scattered the

out of your dwelling place, And uproot bones of him who encamps against you;

you from the land of the living.Selah You have put them to shame, Because

God has despised them.

6The righteous also shall see and fear,

And shall laugh at him, saying, 6Oh, that the salvation of Israel would

come out of Zion! When God brings

7 back the captivity of His people, Let Here is the man who did not make

God his strength, But trusted in the Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. abundance of his riches, And

strengthened himself in his wickedness." PSALM 54

8But I am like a green olive tree in the Save me, O God, by Your name, And

1

house of God; I trust in the mercy of vindicate me by Your strength. God forever and ever.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the

'I will praise You forever, Because You words of my mouth. have done it; And in the presence of

Your saints I will wait on Your name, for 3For strangers have risen up against me,

it is good. And oppressors have sought after my

life; They have not set God before

PSALM 53 them.Selah

1 4 The fool has said in his heart, "There is Behold, God is my helper;
The Lord is no God." They are corrupt, and have with those who
uphold my life. done abominable iniquity; There is none

who does good. 5He will repay my enemies for their evil.

Cut them off in Your truth.

2God looks down from heaven upon the

children of men, To see if there are any II I will freely sacrifice to
You; I will

who understand, who seek God. praise Your name, O LORD, for it
is

good.

3Every one of them has turned aside; 7For He has delivered me out of
all They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good,
No, not trouble; And my eye has seen its desire

one. upon my enemies.

4Have the workers of iniquity no PSALM 55 knowledge, Who eat up
my people as 1 Give ear to my prayer, O God, And do who hates me
who has exalted himself

not hide Yourself from my supplication. against me; Then I could hide
from him.

21 Attend to me, and hear me; I am 3But it was you, a man my equal,
My restless in my complaint, and moan companion and my
acquaintance. noisily,

1 4

We took sweet counsel together, And

3

Because of the voice of the enemy, walked to the house of God in
the

Because of the oppression of the throng. wicked; For they bring down
trouble

upon me, And in wrath they hate me. 15Let death seize them; Let them
go

down alive into hell, For wickedness is

4My heart is severely pained within me, in their dwellings and among
them. And the terrors of death have fallen

upon me. 1 6As for me, I will call upon God, And the

LORD shall save me.

5Fearfulness and trembling have come

upon me, And horror has overwhelmed 1 7Evening and morning and
at noon I will me. pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear

my voice.

6So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a

dove! I would fly away and be at rest. 1 ' He has redeemed my soul in
peace

from the battle that was against me, For

7Indeed, I would wander far off, And there were many against me.
remain in the wilderness.Selah

1 ' God will hear, and afflict them, Even

'I would hasten my escape From the He who abides from of old.Selah
windy storm and tempest." Because they do not change, Therefore
they do not fear God.

'Destroy, O Lord, and divide their OHe has put forth his hands against
tongues, For I have seen violence and 2
strife in the city. those who were at peace with him; He
has broken his covenant.

10Day and night they go around it on its
walls; Iniquity and trouble are also in the 2 1
The words of his mouth were
midst of it. smoother than butter, But war was in his
heart; His words were softer than oil,
11 Yet they were drawn swords.

Destruction is in its midst; Oppression
and deceit do not depart from its streets.

2 2

Cast your burden on the LORD, And
12 He shall sustain you; He shall never
For it is not an enemy who reproaches
me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one permit the righteous to be
moved.

2 1 3But You, O God, shall bring them 1 n God I have put my trust; I
will not be down to the pit of destruction; afraid. What can man do to
me? Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not

live out half their days; But I will trust in ¹2Vows made to You are binding upon You. me, O God; I will render praises to You,

PSALM 56 ¹ 3

For You have delivered my soul from
death. Have You not kept my feet from

¹ falling, That I may walk before God In Be merciful to me, O God, for
man

would swallow me up; Fighting all day the light of the living? he
oppresses me.

PSALM 57

²My enemies would hound me all day,

For there are many who fight against me, ¹Be merciful to me, O God,
be merciful O Most High. to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in

³Whenever the shadow of Your wings I will make

I am afraid, I will trust in You. my refuge, Until these calamities have
passed by.

⁴In God (I will praise His word), In God I

have put my trust; I will not fear. What ²1 will cry out to God Most
High, To God can flesh do to me? who performs all things for me.

⁵All day they twist my words; All their ³He shall send from heaven
and save

thoughts are against me for evil. me; He reproaches the one who
would

swallow me up. Selah God shall send

6 forth His mercy and His truth. They gather together, They hide, they mark my steps, When they lie in wait for

my life. 4 My soul is among lions; I lie among the

sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose

7 teeth are spears and arrows, And their Shall they escape by iniquity? In anger

cast down the peoples, O God! tongue a sharp sword.

'You number my wanderings; Put my sBe exalted, O God, above the heavens;

tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Let Your glory be above all the earth.

Your book?

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;

'When I cry out to You, Then my My soul is bowed down; They have dug

enemies will turn back; This I know, a pit before me; Into the midst of it they

because God is for me. themselves have fallen.SeIah

1 7My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart 0 n God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word), is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

8 8 Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! Let them be like a snail which melts I will awaken the dawn. away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of

a woman, that they may not see the sun.

'I will praise You, O Lord, among the

peoples; I will sing to You among the 'Before your pots can feel the

burning

nations. thorns, He shall take them away as with

a whirlwind, As in His living and burning

10 wrath.

For Your mercy reaches unto the

heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds. 0The righteous shall rejoice
when he

1

11 sees the vengeance; He shall wash his

Be exalted, O God, above the

heavens; Let Your glory be above all the feet in the blood of the
wicked, earth.

1 1

So that men will say, "Surely there is a

PSALM 58 reward for the righteous; Surely He is

God who judges in the earth."

1 Do you indeed speak righteousness,

you silent ones? Do you judge uprightly, PSALM 59 you sons
of men?

1Deliver me from my enemies, O my

2 God; Defend me from those who rise up No, in heart you work
wickedness; You

weigh out the violence of your hands in against me. the earth.

2Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,

3The wicked are estranged from the And save me from bloodthirsty
men.

womb; They go astray as soon as they 3For look, they lie in wait for my life; The

are born, speaking lies.

mighty gather against me, Not for my

4 transgression nor for my sin, O LORD. Their poison is like the poison of a

serpent; They are like the deaf cobra

that stops its ear, 4 They run and prepare themselves

through no fault of mine. Awake to help

5 me, and behold! Which will not heed the voice of charmers, Charming ever so skillfully.

5You therefore, O LORD God of hosts,

6 the God of Israel, Awake to punish all Break their teeth in their mouth, O God!

Break out the fangs of the young lions, the nations; Do not be merciful to any

O LORD! wicked transgressors.Selah

7 SAI evening they return, They growl like

Let them flow away as waters which

run continually; When he bends his bow, a dog, And go all around the city. Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.

7Indeed, they belch with their mouth; PSALM 60 Swords are in their lips; For they say,

"Who hears?" 1

O God, You have cast us off; You have

8 broken us down; You have been

But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them; displeased; Oh, restore us again!

You shall have all the nations in derision.

2You have made the earth tremble; You

'I will wait for You, O You his Strength; have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it

For God is my defense. is shaking.

10My God of mercy shall come to meet 3You have shown Your people hard

me; God shall let me see my desire on things; You have made us drink the

my enemies. wine of confusion.

1 4 1Do not slay them, lest my people

You have given a banner to those who

forget; Scatter them by Your power, And fear You, That it may be displayed

bring them down, O Lord our shield. because of the truth.Selah

12For the sin of their mouth and the

5That Your beloved may be delivered,

words of their lips, Let them even be Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

taken in their pride, And for the cursing

and lying which they speak. 6 God has spoken in His holiness: "I will

1 rejoice; I will divide Shechem And 3Consume them in wrath,
consume

measure out the Valley of Succoth.

them, That they may not be; And let

them know that God rules in Jacob To 7

Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;

the ends of the earth.Selah

Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;

1 Judah is My lawgiver. 4 And at evening they return, They growl like
a dog, And go all around the city. 8

Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will

1 cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph 5They wander up and down
for food,

because of Me."

And howl if they are not satisfied.

1 Who will bring me to the strong city?

6 But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will Who will lead me to Edom?

sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;

For You have been my defense And 10A

s it not You, O God, who cast us off?

refuge in the day of my trouble.

And You, O God, who did not go out

1 with our armies? 7To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For
God is my defense, My God 11

Give us help from trouble, For the help

of mercy. of man is useless.

¹²Through God we will do valiantly, For it ³How long will you attack
a man? You

is He who shall tread down our enemies. shall be slain, all of you, Like
a leaning

wall and a tottering fence.

PSALM 61 ⁴They only consult to cast him down

¹ from his high position; They delight in

Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my

prayer. lies; They bless with their mouth, But

they curse inwardly.Selah

²From the end of the earth I will cry to

You, When my heart is overwhelmed; ⁵My soul, wait silently for God
alone, For

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. my expectation is from Him.

³For You have been a shelter for me, A ⁶

He only is my rock and my salvation;

strong tower from the enemy. He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

⁴

I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I ⁷In God is my salvation and
my glory;

will trust in the shelter of Your The rock of my strength, And my
refuge,

wings.Selah is in God.

For You, O God, have heard my vows; sTrust in Him at all times, you people;

You have given me the heritage of those Pour out your heart before Him; God is

who fear Your name. a refuge for us.SeIah

6 9Surely men of low degree are a vapor, You will prolong the king's life, His years as many generations. Men of high degree are a lie; If they are

weighed on the scales, They are

7 altogether lighter than vapor.

He shall abide before God forever. Oh,

prepare mercy and truth, which may 1 0Do not trust in oppression, Nor vainly preserve him!

hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do

8 not set your heart on them.

So I will sing praise to Your name

forever, That I may daily perform my 1 1 God has spoken once, Twice I have VowS. heard this: That power belongs to God.

PSALM 62 12 Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy;

1 For You render to each one according to

Truly my soul silently waits for God; his work.

From Him comes my salvation.

2 PSALM 63

He only is my rock and my salvation;

He is my defense; I shall not be greatly

moved.

11 O God, You are my God; Early will I Hear my voice, O God, in my
seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My meditation; Preserve my life
from fear of

flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty the enemy. land Where there is
no water.

2 Hide me from the secret plots of the

2So I have looked for You in the wicked, From the rebellion of the
sanctuary, To see Your power and Your workers of iniquity, glory.

3

Who sharpen their tongue like a sword,

3Because Your lovingkindness is better And bend their bows to shoot
their

than life, My lips shall praise You. arrows--bitter words,

44 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will That they may shoot in
secret at the lift up my hands in Your name. blameless; Suddenly they
shoot at him

and do not fear.

5My soul shall be satisfied as with

marrow and fatness, And my mouth 5They encourage themselves in an
evil shall praise You with joyful lips. matter; They talk of laying snares

secretly; They say, "Who will see them?"

6When I remember You on my bed, I 6They devise iniquities: "We
have

meditate on You in the night watches.

perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the

7 inward thought and the heart of man are Because You have been my help,

Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I deep. will rejoice.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an

'My soul follows close behind You; Your arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded.

right hand upholds me.

8 So He will make them stumble over

'But those who seek my life, to destroy it, their own tongue; All who see them shall

Shall go into the lower parts of the earth. flee away.

10 All men shall fear, And shall declare the They shall fall by the sword; They shall

be a portion for jackals. work of God; For they shall wisely

consider His doing.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; 1

Everyone who swears by Him shall The righteous shall be glad in the
0

glory; But the mouth of those who speak LORD, and trust in Him. And all the

lies shall be stopped. upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM 64 PSALM 65

11 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; 1 ou crown the year with

Your And to You the vow shall be performed. goodness, And Your
paths drip with

abundance.

2O You who hear prayer, To You all

1 2

flesh will come. They drop on the pastures of the

wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on

3 every side. Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions,
You will provide

1 3

atonement for them. The pastures are clothed with flocks;

The valleys also are covered with grain;

4 They shout for joy, they also sing. Blessed is the man You choose,
And cause to approach You, That he may

dwell in Your courts. We shall be PSALM 66 satisfied with the
goodness of Your

house, Of Your holy temple. 1

Make a joyful shout to God, all the

5 earth!

By awesome deeds in righteousness

You will answer us, O God of our 2

salvation, You who are the confidence His praise glorious. Sing out the
honor of His name; Make of all the ends of the earth, And of the

far-off seas; 3Say to God, "How awesome are Your 6 works! Through
the greatness of Your

Who established the mountains by His power Your enemies shall
submit

strength, Being clothed with power; themselves to You.

7You who still the noise of the seas, The All the earth shall worship
You And sing

4

noise of their waves, And the tumult of praises to You; They shall sing
praises

the peoples. to Your name."Selah

8 They also who dwell in the farthest 5Come and see the works of God;
He is parts are afraid of Your signs; You make awesome in His doing
toward the sons

the outgoings of the morning and of men. evening rejoice.

6 He turned the sea into dry land; They

'You visit the earth and water it, You went through the river on foot.
There we

greatly enrich it; The river of God is full will rejoice in Him. of water;
You provide their grain, For so

You have prepared it. 7

He rules by His power forever; His eyes

1 observe the nations; Do not let the 0 ou water its ridges abundantly,
You

rebellious exalt themselves.Selah

settle its furrows; You make it soft with

showers, You bless its growth.

8 2 Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And 0Blessed be God, Who has not
turned make the voice of His praise to be heard, away my prayer, Nor
His mercy from

me!

'Who keeps our soul among the living,

And does not allow our feet to be moved. PSALM 67

11 0For You, O God, have tested us; You

God be merciful to us and bless us,
have refined us as silver is refined. And cause His face to shine upon
us, Selah

11
You brought us into the net; You laid
affliction on our backs. 2 That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation among all nations.

12
You have caused men to ride over our
heads; We went through fire and 3Let the peoples praise You, O God;
Let
through water; But You brought us out all the peoples praise You. to
rich fulfillment.

1 joy! For You shall judge the people
3 will go into Your house with burnt 4Oh, let the nations be glad and
sing for
offerings; I will pay You my vows, righteously, And govern the nations
on
earth. Selah

14Which my lips have uttered And my
mouth has spoken when I was in trouble. 5Let the peoples praise You,
O God; Let

all the peoples praise You.

15a will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat

animals, With the sweet aroma of rams; 6 Then the earth shall yield
her increase; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah God, our own God,
shall bless us.

1 7 6 Come and hear, all you who fear God, God shall bless us, And all
the ends of And I will declare what He has done for the earth shall
fear Him. my soul.

1 PSALM 68 7 cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled
with my tongue. 1

Let God arise, Let His enemies be

1 scattered; Let those also who hate Him

' If I regard iniquity in my heart, The flee before Him.

Lord will not hear.

2 As smoke is driven away, So drive

1' But certainly God has heard me; He

them away; As wax melts before the fire,

has attended to the voice of my prayer. So let the wicked perish at the
presence

of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad; Let them a dove covered with silver,
And her

rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice feathers with yellow gold."
exceedingly.

4Sing to God, sing praises to His name; It was white as snow in
Zalmon. Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By

His name YAH, And rejoice before Him. 1 5A mountain of God is the
mountain of

Bashan; A mountain of many peaks is

5A father of the fatherless, a defender of the mountain of Bashan.
widows, 1s God in His holy habitation.

16Why do you fume with envy, you

6God sets the solitary in families; He mountains of many peaks? This is
the

brings out those who are bound into mountain which God desires to
dwell in;

prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a Yes, the LORD will dwell in it
forever.

dry land.

1 7

The chariots of God are twenty

7O God, when You went out before Your thousand, Even thousands of
people, When You marched through the thousands; The Lord is among
them as

wilderness, Selah in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

8 1 The earth shook; The heavens also 8You have ascended on high,
You have dropped rain at the presence of God; led captivity captive;
You have received

Sinai itself was moved at the presence gifts among men, Even from the
of God, the God of Israel. rebellious, That the LORD God might

dwell there.

'You, O God, sent a plentiful rain,

Whereby ¹ You confirmed Your ' Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads inheritance, When it was weary. us with benefits, The God of our

salvation!Selah

¹⁰Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O

² O

God, provided from Your goodness for Our God is the God of salvation; And

the poor. to GOD the Lord belong escapes from

death.

¹¹The Lord gave the word; Great was

the company of those who proclaimed it: ² ¹But God will wound the head of His

enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who

^{12a} Kings of armies flee, they flee, And still goes on in his trespasses. she who remains at home divides the

spoil. ² ²The Lord said, "I will bring back from

Bashan, I will bring them back from the

¹³Though you lie down among the

depths of the sea,

sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of ²³That your foot may crush them in ³³To Him who rides on the heaven of

blood, And the tongues of your dogs heavens, which were of old! Indeed, He

may have their portion from your sends out His voice, a mighty voice. enemies."

² They have seen Your procession, O excellence is over Israel, And His

⁴ ³⁴Ascribe strength to God; His

God, The procession of my God, my strength is in the clouds. King,
into the sanctuary.

35

2 Your holy places. The God of Israel is

5The singers went before, the players o God, You are more awesome
than

on instruments followed after; Among He who gives strength and
power to His

them were the maidens playing timbrels. people. Blessed be God!

26Bless God in the congregations, The

PSALM 69

Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

1 Save me, O God! For the waters have

27There is little Benjamin, their leader, come up to my neck. The
princes of Judah and their company,

The princes of Zebulun and the princes 2 1 sink in deep mire, Where
there is no of Naphtali. standing; I have come into deep waters,

2 Where the floods overflow me.

' Your God has commanded your

strength; Strengthen, O God, what You Al am weary with my crying;
My throat is have done for us. dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my
God.

2 ' Because of Your temple at Jerusalem,

4Those who hate me without a cause

Kings will bring presents to You.

Are more than the hairs of my head;

30 Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, The They are mighty who would
destroy me,

Being my enemies wrongfully; Though I

herd of bulls with the calves of the have stolen nothing, I still must
restore it.

peoples, Till everyone submits himself

with pieces of silver. Scatter the peoples 5

O God, You know my foolishness; And

who delight in war.

my sins are not hidden from You.

31 Envoys will come out of Egypt; 6 Let not those who wait for You, O
Lord Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her GOD of hosts, be ashamed
because of hands to God. me; Let not those who seek You be 3
confounded because of me, O God of

2 Sing to God, you kingdoms of the Israel.

earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah

7 Because for Your sake I have borne

reproach; Shame has covered my face.

8 1 I have become a stranger to my ' You know my reproach, my
shame, brothers, And an alien to my mother's and my dishonor; My
adversaries are all

children; before You.

'Because zeal for Your house has eaten ² OReproach has broken my heart, And I me up, And the reproaches of those am full of heaviness; I looked for

who reproach You have fallen on me. someone to take pity, but there was

none; And for comforters, but I found

¹⁰When I wept and chastened my soul none.

with fasting, That became my reproach. ¹They also gave me gall for my food,

2

¹ ^{1a} also made sackcloth my garment; I And for my thirst they gave me vinegar

became a byword to them. to drink.

¹ Let their table become a snare before Those who sit in the gate speak

2 ² 2

against me, And I am the song of the them, And their well-being a trap.

drunkards. ³Let their eyes be darkened, so that

2

¹³But as for me, my prayer is to You, O

they do not see; And make their loins

LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in shake continually.

the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in

² 4

the truth of Your salvation. Pour out Your indignation upon them,

And let Your wrathful anger take hold of

14 them.

Deliver me out of the mire, And let me

not sink; Let me be delivered from those 5Let their dwelling place be
desolate;

who hate me, And out of the deep 2

waters. Let no one live in their tents.

1 2 5Let not the floodwater overflow me, 6For they persecute the ones
You have Nor let the deep swallow me up; And let struck, And talk of
the grief of those You

not the pit shut its mouth on me. have wounded.

1 2 6 7 Hear me, O LORD, for Your Add iniquity to their iniquity, And
let lovingkindness is good; Turn to me them not come into Your
righteousness.

according to the multitude of Your

tender mercies. 2 8

Let them be blotted out of the book of
the living, And not be written with the

17And do not hide Your face from Your

righteous.

servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me

speedily. 2 ' But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your

salvation, O God, set me up on high.

1' Draw near to my soul, and redeem it;

Deliver me because of my enemies.

30 will praise the name of God with a 5But I am poor and needy; Make haste song, And will magnify Him with to me, O God! You are my help and my

thanksgiving. deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

31

This also shall please the LORD better PSALM 71

than an ox or bull, Which has horns and

hooves. 1

In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me

3 never be put to shame. 2 The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts 2

Deliver me in Your righteousness, and shall live.

cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to 33 me, and save me. For the LORD hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners. 3Be my strong refuge, To which I may

34 resort continually; You have given the Let heaven and earth praise Him, The commandment to save me, For You are

seas and everything that moves in them. my rock and my fortress.

35For God will save Zion And build the 4Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand cities of Judah, That they may dwell of the wicked, Out of the hand of the

there and possess it. unrighteous and cruel man.

3 5 6 Also, the descendants of His servants For You are my hope, O Lord GOD;

shall inherit it, And those who love His You are my trust from my youth. name shall dwell in it.

6By You I have been upheld from birth;

PSALM 70 You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be

1 continually of You. Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!

7 1 have become as a wonder to many,

2 But You are my strong refuge. Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned

back and confused Who desire my hurt. 8Let my mouth be filled with Your praise

And with Your glory all the day.

3Let them be turned back because of

their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!" 'Do not cast me off in the time of old

age; Do not forsake me when my

4 strength fails. Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love

Your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"

10For my enemies speak against me;

And bring me up again from the depths

And those who lie in wait for my life take of the earth. counsel
together,

2 1

You shall increase my greatness, And

11 Saying, "God has forsaken him;

comfort me on every side.

Pursue and take him, for there is none

to deliver him." 2 2

Also with the lute I will praise You--

And Your faithfulness, O my God! To

12

o God, do not be far from me; O my You I will sing with the harp, O
Holy One

God, make haste to help me! of Israel.

1 2 3 them Let be confounded and 3 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I
consumed Who are adversaries of my sing to You, And my soul, which
You

life; Let them be covered with reproach have redeemed. and dishonor
Who seek my hurt.

2 4 My tongue also shall talk of Your

14 But I will hope continually, And will

righteousness all the day long; For they

praise You yet more and more. are confounded, For they are brought
to

shame Who seek my hurt.

15 My mouth shall tell of Your

righteousness And Your salvation all the PSALM 72 day,
For I do not know their limits.

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6 will go in the strength of the Lord 1 Give the king Your judgments, O
God,

And Your righteousness to the king's

GOD; I will make mention of Your Son. righteousness, of Yours only.

2 He will judge Your people with

17 o God, You have taught me from my righteousness, And Your poor
with

youth; And to this day I declare Your justice. wondrous works.

1 3 The mountains will bring peace to the

' Now also when I am old and people, And the little hills, by

grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, righteousness. Until I declare
Your strength to this

generation, Your power to everyone 4 He will bring justice to the
poor of the who is to come.

people; He will save the children of the

1 needy, And will break in pieces the

' Also Your righteousness, O God, is oppressor.

very high, You who have done great

things; O God, who is like You? 5

They shall fear You As long as the sun

2 and moon endure, Throughout all 0 You, who have shown me great
and generations.

severe troubles, Shall revive me again, 6 He shall come down like rain

upon the those of the city shall flourish like grass

grass before mowing, Like showers that of the earth. water the earth.

17

His name shall endure forever; His

7In His days the righteous shall flourish, name shall continue as long as the sun.

And abundance of peace, Until the And men shall be blessed in Him; All

moon is no more. nations shall call Him blessed.

8 1 He shall have dominion also from sea 8Blessed be the LORD God, the God of to sea, And from the River to the ends of Israel, Who only does wondrous things!

the earth.

1 ' And blessed be His glorious name

'Those who dwell in the wilderness will forever! And let the whole earth be filled

bow before Him, And His enemies will with His glory. Amen and Amen. lick the dust.

20The prayers of David the son of Jesse

10The kings of Tarshish and of the isles

are ended.

Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba

and Seba Will offer gifts. PSALM 73

11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before 1TruIy God is good to Israel, To such as Him; All nations shall serve Him. are pure in heart.

¹²For He will deliver the needy when he ² But as for me, my feet had almost cries, The poor also, and him who has stumbled; My steps had nearly slipped.

no helper.

3

¹ For I was envious of the boastful, When ³He will spare the poor and needy, And

I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

will save the souls of the needy.

⁴ For there are no pangs in their death,

¹⁴ He will redeem their life from But their strength is firm. oppression and violence; And precious

shall be their blood in His sight. ⁵They are not in trouble as other men,

¹ Nor are they plagued like other men. ⁵ And He shall live; And the gold of

Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also ⁶

Therefore pride serves as their

will be made for Him continually, And

necklace; Violence covers them like a

daily He shall be praised.

garment.

¹⁶There will be an abundance of grain in

⁷Their eyes bulge with abundance; They

the earth, On the top of the mountains;

have more than heart could wish.

Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And ^{8 2} They scoff and speak

wickedly OAs a dream when one awakes, So, concerning oppression;
They speak Lord, when You awake, You shall

loftily. despise their image.

"They set their mouth against the 2 1

Thus my heart was grieved, And I was
heavens, And their tongue walks vexed in my mind. through the earth.

2 2a was so foolish and ignorant; I was

10Therefore his people return here, And like a beast before You.
waters of a full cup are drained by them.

2 3Nevertheless I am continually with

11And they say, "How does God know?

You; You hold me by my right hand.

And is there knowledge in the Most

High?" 2 4 ou will guide me with Your counsel,

And afterward receive me to glory.

12

Behold, these are the ungodly, Who
are always at ease; They increase in 2 5

Whom have I in heaven but You? And

riches. there is none upon earth that I desire

1

3Surely I have cleansed my heart in besides You.

vain, And washed my hands in 2 6My flesh and my heart fail; But God
is innocence. the strength of my heart and my portion

forever.

For all day long I have been plagued,
And chastened every morning. 2 7For indeed, those who are far from

1 those who desert You for harlotry.

5) I had said, "I will speak thus," Behold, You shall perish; You have
destroyed all

I would have been untrue to the
generation of Your children. 2 8But it is good for me to draw near to

1 God; I have put my trust in the Lord 6When I thought how to
understand this,

GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

It was too painful for me--

1 PSALM 74 7 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I
understood their end. 1

O God, why have You cast us off

1 forever? Why does Your anger smoke 8Surely You set them in
slippery places;

against the sheep of Your pasture?

You cast them down to destruction.

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9Oh, how they are brought to desolation, 2 Remember Your
congregation, which

You have purchased of old, The tribe of
as in a moment! They are utterly Your inheritance, which You have

consumed with terrors.

redeemed-- This Mount Zion where You 13 ou divided the sea by Your strength; have dwelt. You broke the heads of the sea

serpents in the waters.

3Lift up Your feet to the perpetual

desolations. The enemy has damaged 1 4 ou broke the heads of Leviathan in everything in the sanctuary. pieces, And gave him as food to the

people inhabiting the wilderness.

4Your enemies roar in the midst of Your 5 ou broke open the fountain and the

meeting place; They set up their 1

banners for signs. flood; You dried up mighty rivers.

5 1 They seem like men who lift up Axes 6The day is Yours, the night also is among the thick trees. Yours; You have prepared the light and

the sun.

6And now they break down its carved

work, all at once, With axes and 1 7 ou have set all the borders of the hammers. earth; You have made summer and

winter.

7They have set fire to Your sanctuary;

They have defiled the dwelling place of 1 8Remember this, that the enemy has Your name to the ground. reproached, O LORD, And that a foolish

people has blasphemed Your name.

"They said in their hearts, "Let us

destroy them altogether." They have ¹ ' Oh, do not deliver the life of
Your burned up all the meeting places of God turtledove to the wild
beast! Do not

in the land. forget the life of Your poor forever.

'We do not see our signs; There is no ² 0Have respect to the covenant;
For the longer any prophet; Nor is there any dark places of the earth
are full of the

among us who knows how long. haunts of cruelty.

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O God, how long will the adversary ⁰ h, do not let the oppressed
return

reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme ashamed! Let the poor and
needy praise

Your name forever? Your name.

^{1 2} 12

Why do You withdraw Your hand, Arise, O God, plead Your own
cause;

even Your right hand? Take it out of Remember how the foolish man

Your bosom and destroy them. reproaches You daily.

^{1 2} 2For God is my King from of old, ³ Do not forget the voice of Your
Working salvation in the midst of the enemies; The tumult of those
who rise

earth. up against You increases continually.

PSALM 75 ¹ In Judah God is known; His name is
great in Israel.

¹ We give thanks to You, O God, we give

thanks! For Your wondrous works ² In Salem also is His tabernacle,
And

declare that Your name is near. His dwelling place in Zion.

² ³There He broke the arrows of the bow,

When I choose the proper time, I will
judge uprightly. The shield and sword of battle. Selah

³The earth and all its inhabitants are ⁴

You are more glorious and excellent
dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly. Selah Than the mountains of prey.

⁴ ⁵The stouthearted were plundered; They I said to the boastful, "Do
not deal boastfully," And to the wicked, "Do not lift have sunk into
their sleep; And none of

up the horn. the mighty men have found the use of
their hands.

⁵Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not

⁶ At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both
speak with a stiff neck."

the chariot and horse were cast into a
⁶ dead sleep.

For exaltation comes neither from the

east Nor from the west nor from the ⁷ You, Yourself, are to be feared;

And south.

who may stand in Your presence When

7 once You are angry?

But God is the Judge: He puts down

one, And exalts another. 8You caused judgment to be heard from 8
heaven; The earth feared and was still,

For in the hand of the LORD there is a

cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed,

and He pours it out; Surely its dregs 'When God arose to judgment, To

shall all the wicked of the earth Drain deliver all the oppressed of the

and drink down. earth.Selah

'But I will declare forever, I will sing SureIy the wrath of man shall
praise 1 0

praises to the God of Jacob. You; With the remainder of wrath You

shall gird Yourself.

1 0§§All the horns of the wicked I will also

cut off, But the horns of the righteous Make vows to the LORD your
God, 1 1

shall be exalted." and pay them; Let all who are around

Him bring presents to Him who ought to

be feared.

PSALM 76

12He shall cut off the spirit of princes; He

is awesome to the kings of the earth.

1 2 will also meditate on all Your work,

PSALM 77

And talk of Your deeds.

1 I cried out to God with my voice-- To 3 Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary;

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God with my voice; And He gave ear to
me. Who is so great a God as our God?

2 14 ou are the God who does wonders;

In the day of my trouble I sought the

Lord; My hand was stretched out in the You have declared Your
strength among

night without ceasing; My soul refused the peoples. to be comforted.

1 5 You have with Your arm redeemed

I I remembered God, and was troubled; I Your people, The sons of
Jacob and

complained, Joseph. Selah and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah

1 6

The waters saw You, O God; The

4 waters saw You, they were afraid; The You hold my eyelids open; I
am so

troubled that I cannot speak. depths also trembled.

5 1 7 The clouds poured out water; The

1 have considered the days of old, The

years of ancient times. skies sent out a sound; Your arrows

also flashed about.

61 call to remembrance my song in the 1 8

night; I meditate within my heart, And The voice of Your thunder was
in the

my spirit makes diligent search. whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the
world;

The earth trembled and shook.

7Will the Lord cast off forever? And will

He be favorable no more? 1 ' Your way was in the sea, Your path in

the great waters, And Your footsteps

8 were not known.

Has His mercy ceased forever? Has

His promise failed forevermore? 2 OYou led Your people like a flock By
the

hand of Moses and Aaron.

'Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has

He in anger shut up His tender

mercies?Selah PSALM 78

11 OAnd I said, "This is my anguish; But I

Give ear, O my people, to my law;

will remember the years of the right Incline your ears to the words of
my

hand of the Most High." mouth.

1 2 I will remember the works of the LORD; I will open my mouth in a
parable; I will praise the LORD; Surely I will remember Your utter dark sayings
of old, wonders of old.

3 Which we have heard and known, And 13 He divided the sea and
caused them our fathers have told us. to pass through; And He made the

waters stand up like a heap.

4 We will not hide them from their

children, Telling to the generation to 14 in the daytime also He led
them with come the praises of the LORD, And His the cloud, And all
the night with a light of

strength and His wonderful works that fire.

He has done.

1 5

He split the rocks in the wilderness,

5 For He established a testimony in And gave them drink in abundance
like

Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, the depths. Which He
commanded our fathers, That

they should make them known to their 1 6 He also brought streams out
of the children; rock, And caused waters to run down

like rivers.

6 That the generation to come might

know them, The children who would be 1 7 But they sinned even more
against born, That they may arise and declare Him By rebelling
against the Most High

them to their children, in the wilderness.

7¹ That they may set their hope in God, 8And they tested God in their heart By And not forget the works of God, But asking for the food of their fancy. keep His commandments;

1¹ ' Yes, they spoke against God: They

8And may not be like their fathers, A said, "Can God prepare a table in the

stubborn and rebellious generation, A wilderness? generation that did not set its heart

aright, And whose spirit was not faithful 2⁰Behold, He struck the rock, So that the to God.

waters gushed out, And the streams

overflowed. Can He give bread also?

'The children of Ephraim, being armed Can He provide meat for His people?

and carrying bows, Turned back in the

day of battle. 2¹Therefore the LORD heard this and

1¹ was furious; So a fire was kindled 0They did not keep the covenant of

against Jacob, And anger also came up

God; They refused to walk in His law, against Israel,

11 2Because they did not believe in God,

And forgot His works And His wonders 2

that He had shown them. And did not trust in His salvation.

1² 2Marvelous things He did in the sight of 3 et He had commanded the clouds their fathers, In the land of Egypt, in the above, And opened the doors of heaven,

field of Zoan.

24 36 Nevertheless they flattered Him with

Had rained down manna on them to

eat, And given them of the bread of their mouth, And they lied to Him
with

heaven. their tongue;

25 37 Men ate angels' food; He sent them

For their heart was not steadfast with

food to the full. Him, Nor were they faithful in His

covenant.

26

He caused an east wind to blow in the

38

heavens; And by His power He brought But He, being full of
compassion,

in the south wind. forgave their iniquity, And did not

destroy them. Yes, many a time He

27 He also rained meat on them like the

turned His anger away, And did not stir

dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the up all His wrath; seas;

3' For He remembered that they were but

28 And He let them fall in the midst of

flesh, A breath that passes away and

their camp, All around their dwellings. does not come again.

4 0How often they provoked Him in the

2' So they ate and were well filled, For

He gave them their own desire. wilderness, And grieved Him in the
desert!

30They were not deprived of their

craving; But while their food was still in Yes, again and again they
tempted 4 1

their mouths, God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

3 They did not remember His power: The wrath of God came against
them,

1 4 2

And slew the stoutest of them, And The day when He redeemed them
from

struck down the choice men of Israel. the enemy,

32 n spite of this they still sinned, And did 4 3When He worked His
signs in Egypt,

not believe in His wondrous works. And His wonders in the field of
Zoan;

33Therefore their days He consumed in 4 4Turned their rivers into
blood, And

futility, And their years in fear. their streams, that they could not
drink.

3 He sent swarms of flies among them, When He slew them, then they sought

4 4 5

Him; And they returned and sought which devoured them, And frogs, which

earnestly for God. destroyed them.

3

5 Then they remembered that God was 4 6 He also gave their crops to the

their rock, And the Most High God their caterpillar, And their labor to the locust.

Redeemer.

4 5 78 For they provoked Him to anger with

He destroyed their vines with hail, And

their sycamore trees with frost. their high places, And moved Him to

jealousy with their carved images.

4' He also gave up their cattle to the hail,

And their flocks to fiery lightning. 5 ' When God heard this, He was furious,

And greatly abhorred Israel,

4' He cast on them the fierceness of His

6 0

anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, So that He forsook the tabernacle of

By sending angels of destruction among Shiloh, The tent He had placed among

them. men,

5 6 0He made a path for His anger; He did 1And delivered His strength
into not spare their soul from death, But captivity, And His glory into
the enemy's gave their life over to the plague, hand.

5 6 1 2He also gave His people over to the And destroyed all the
firstborn in Egypt, The first of their strength in the tents of sword, And
was furious with His

Ham. inheritance.

5 6 2But He made His own people go forth 3The fire consumed their
young men, like sheep, And guided them in the And their maidens
were not given in

wilderness like a flock; marriage.

5 6 4Their priests fell by the sword, And 3And He led them on safely,
so that they did not fear; But the sea their widows made no
lamentation. overwhelmed their enemies.

6 5Then the Lord awoke as from sleep,

54

And He brought them to His holy Like a mighty man who shouts
because

border, This mountain which His right of wine. hand had acquired.

66And He beat back His enemies; He put

55He also drove out the nations before

them to a perpetual reproach.

them, Allotted them an inheritance by

survey, And made the tribes of Israel 67Moreover He rejected the
tent of

dwelt in their tents. Joseph, And did not choose the tribe of

Yet they tested and provoked the Most

High God, And did not keep His 6 8

But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount
testimonies, Zion which He loved.

57But turned back and acted unfaithfully 6' And He built His sanctuary
like the

like their fathers; They were turned heights, Like the earth which He
has

aside like a deceitful bow. established forever.

7 8 OHe also chose David His servant, And

Oh, do not remember former iniquities
took him from the sheepfolds; against us! Let Your tender mercies

come speedily to meet us, For we have
71 been brought very low. From following the ewes that had young He
brought him, To shepherd

Jacob His people, And Israel His 'Help us, O God of our salvation, For
inheritance. the glory of Your name; And deliver us,

and provide atonement for our sins, For
72 Your name's sake! So he shepherded them according to

the integrity of his heart, And guided OWhy should the nations say,
"Where is

them by the skillfulness of his hands. 1

their God?" Let there be known among

PSALM 79 the nations in our sight The avenging of

the blood of Your servants which has

¹ been shed.

O God, the nations have come into

Your inheritance; Your holy temple they ¹¹Let the groaning of the
prisoner come have defiled; They have laid Jerusalem before You;
According to the greatness in heaps. of Your power Preserve those
who are ² appointed to die;

The dead bodies of Your servants They

have given as food for the birds of the ¹ ²And return to our neighbors
sevenfold heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the

into their bosom Their reproach with
beasts of the earth.

which they have reproached You, O

³Their blood they have shed like water Lord.

all around Jerusalem, And there was no ¹ ³So we, Your people and
sheep of Your one to bury them. pasture, Will give You thanks forever;
⁴ We will show forth Your praise to all

We have become a reproach to our generations.

neighbors, A scorn and derision to those

who are around us.

PSALM 80

⁵How long, LORD? Will You be angry

forever? Will Your jealousy burn like ¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,

You

fire? who lead Joseph like a flock; You who

dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

6Pour out Your wrath on the nations that

do not know You, And on the kingdoms 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin,
and

that do not call on Your name. Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And

come and save us!

7For they have devoured Jacob, And 3Restore us, O God; Cause Your
face to

laid waste his dwelling place.

shine, And we shall be saved!

4 1 O LORD God of hosts, How long will 6It is burned with fire, it is
cut down; You be angry Against the prayer of Your They perish at the
rebuke of Your

people? countenance.

5 1 7

You have fed them with the bread of Let Your hand be upon the man
of

tears, And given them tears to drink in Your right hand, Upon the son
of man

great measure. whom You made strong for Yourself.

6 1 You have made us a strife to our 8Then we will not turn back from
You; neighbors, And our enemies laugh Revive us, and we will call
upon Your

among themselves. name.

7 1 Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause ' Restore us, O LORD God of
hosts; Your face to shine, And we shall be Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall

saved! be saved!

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; PSALM 81 You have cast out
the nations, and

planted it. 1

Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a

joyful shout to the God of Jacob.

'You prepared room for it, And caused it

to take deep root, And it filled the land. 2

Raise a song and strike the timbrel,

1 The pleasant harp with the lute. 0 The hills were covered with its
shadow,

And the mighty cedars with its boughs. 3 Blow the trumpet at the time
of the New

1 Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn 1 She sent out her boughs to
the Sea, feast day.

And her branches to the River.

4 For this is a statute for Israel, A law of

12

Why have You broken down her the God of Jacob.

hedges, So that all who pass by the way

pluck her fruit? 5This He established in Joseph as a

1 testimony, When He went throughout 3The boar out of the woods
uproots it,

the land of Egypt, Where I heard a

And the wild beast of the field devours it. language I did not
understand.

1 6 4Return, we beseech You, O God of

I removed his shoulder from the

hosts; Look down from heaven and see, burden; His hands were freed
from the

And visit this vine baskets.

1 7 5And the vineyard which Your right

You called in trouble, and I delivered

hand has planted, And the branch that you; I answered you in the
secret place

You made strong for Yourself.

of thunder; I tested you at the waters of 2How long will you judge
unjustly, And Meribah. Selah show partiality to the wicked? Selah

8 3 Hear, O My people, and I will

Defend the poor and fatherless; Do

admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen justice to the afflicted and
needy. to Me!

4Deliver the poor and needy; Free them

"There shall be no foreign god among from the hand of the wicked.
you; Nor shall you worship any foreign

god. 5They do not know, nor do they

1 darkness; All the foundations of the

0a am the LORD your God, Who understand; They walk about in

brought you out of the land of Egypt; earth are unstable. Open your
mouth wide, and I will fill it.

61 said, "You are gods, And all of you are

11 But My people would not heed My

children of the Most High.

voice, And Israel would have none of

Me. 7 But you shall die like men, And fall like

one of the princes."

12

So I gave them over to their own

stubborn heart, To walk in their own 8Arise, O God, judge the earth;
For You counsels. shall inherit all nations.

13 §

0 h, that My people would listen to Me, PSALM 83

That Israel would walk in My ways!

1

4a would soon subdue their enemies, 1Do not keep silent, 0 God! Do
not hold

Your peace, And do not be still, 0 God!

And turn My hand against their

adversaries. 2

For behold, Your enemies make a

1 tumult; And those who hate You have 5The haters of the LORD
would pretend

lifted up their head.

submission to Him, But their fate would

endure forever. 3They have taken crafty counsel against

1 Your people, And consulted together 6

He would have fed them also with the against Your sheltered ones.
finest of wheat; And with honey from the

rock I would have satisfied you." 4

They have said, "Come, and let us cut
them off from being a nation, That the

PSALM 82 name of Israel may be remembered no
more."

1 God stands in the congregation of the
mighty; He judges among the gods.

5 1 For they have consulted together with 8 That they may know that
You, whose one consent; They form a confederacy name alone is the
LORD, Are the Most

against You: High over all the earth.

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; PSALM 84 Moab and the
Hagrites;

1 How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD

7 Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia of hosts! with the inhabitants
of Tyre;

2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the

8 Assyria also has joined with them; They courts of the LORD; My
heart and my

have helped the children of Lot. Selah flesh cry out for the living God.

Deal with them as with Midian, As with 3 Even the sparrow has found
a home,

Sisera, As with Jabin at the Brook And the swallow a nest for herself,

Kishon, Where she may lay her young-- Even

¹ and my God.

0Who perished at En Dor, Who became Your altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King

as refuse on the earth.

¹ house; They will still be praising

1Make their nobles like Oreb and like ⁴Blessed are those who dwell in
Your

Zeeb, Yes, all their princes like Zebah You.Selah and Zalmunna,

¹ You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

2Who said, "Let us take for ourselves ⁵Blessed is the man whose
strength is in

The pastures of God for a possession."

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of

¹³ O my God, make them like the whirling Baca, They make it a
spring; The rain

dust, Like the chaff before the wind! also covers it with pools.

¹⁷ ⁴As the fire burns the woods, And as

They go from strength to strength; Each

the flame sets the mountains on fire, one appears before God in Zion.

¹⁸ ⁵⁰ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; So pursue them with Your
tempest, And frighten them with Your storm. Give ear, O God of
Jacob!Selah

16 Fill their faces with shame, That they 'O God, behold our shield,
And look

may seek Your name, O LORD. upon the face of Your anointed.

1 1 70 For a day in Your courts is better than

Let them be confounded and

dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put a thousand. I would rather be a
to shame and perish, doorkeeper in the house of my God people and
to His saints; But let them

Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. not turn back to folly.

1 9 1

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; Surely His salvation is near
to those

The LORD will give grace and glory; No who fear Him, That glory may
dwell in

good thing will He withhold From those our land. who walk uprightly.

1 0 Mercy and truth have met together;

1 2

0 LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man Righteousness and peace have
kissed.

who trusts in You!

1 1

Truth shall spring out of the earth, And

PSALM 85 righteousness shall look down from
heaven.

¹ LORD, You have been favorable to ² es, the LORD will give what is good;

1

Your land; You have brought back the
captivity of Jacob. And our land will yield its increase.

² ¹ 3Righteousness will go before Him, And

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your

people; You have covered all their shall make His footsteps our
pathway.

sin.Selah

PSALM 86

3

You have taken away all Your wrath;

You have turned from the fierceness of ¹Bow down Your ear, O LORD,
hear me; Your anger. For I am poor and needy.

⁴Restore us, O God of our salvation, Preserve my life, for I am holy;
You are

2

And cause Your anger toward us to my God; Save Your servant who
trusts

cease. in You!

⁵Will You be angry with us forever? Will ³Be merciful to me, O Lord,
For I cry to

You prolong Your anger to all You all day long. generations?

4 Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to

6Will You not revive us again, That Your You, O Lord, I lift up my
soul. people may rejoice in You?

5For You, Lord, are good, and ready to

7Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant forgive, And abundant in
mercy to all

us Your salvation. those who call upon You.

8I will hear what God the LORD will Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
And 6

speak, For He will speak peace To His attend to the voice of my
supplications.

7In the day of my trouble I will call upon ashamed, Because You,
LORD, have

You, For You will answer me. helped me and comforted me.

8Among the gods there is none like You, PSALM 87 O Lord; Nor are
there any works like

Your works. 1

His foundation is in the holy mountains.

All nations whom You have made Shall 2 The LORD loves the gates of
Zion

come and worship before You, O Lord,

More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

And shall glorify Your name.

1 Glorious things are spoken of you, O

O For You are great, and do wondrous

city of God! Selah

things; You alone are God.

1 Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will

14 I will make mention of Rahab and

Babylon to those who know Me; Behold,

walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear O Philistia and Tyre, with
Ethiopia: "This

Your name.

one was born there.'

12a will praise You, O Lord my God, with

5 And of Zion it will be said, "This one

all my heart, And I will glorify Your name

and that one were born in her; And the

forevermore.

Most High Himself shall establish her."

13

For great is Your mercy toward me, 6

The LORD will record, When He

And You have delivered my soul from registers the peoples: "This one
was

the depths of Sheol.

born there." Selah

14

o God, the proud have risen against 7

me, And a mob of violent men have Both the singers and the players
on

instruments say, "All my springs are in

sought my life, And have not set You

you."

before them.

1 PSALM 88 5But You, O Lord, are a God full of

compassion, and gracious, 1 O LORD, God of my salvation, I have
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth. cried out day and
night before You.

1 2 6 Let my prayer come before You; Incline Oh, turn to me, and have
mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, Your ear to my cry.
And save the son of Your maidservant.

3For my soul is full of troubles, And my

17 life draws near to the grave.

Show me a sign for good, That those
who hate me may see it and be

4 1 4

1 am counted with those who go down LORD, why do You cast off my
soul?

to the pit; I am like a man who has no Why do You hide Your face
from me?

strength,

15 have been afflicted and ready to die

5 from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I Adrift among the dead, Like
the slain

who lie in the grave, Whom You am distraught.

remember no more, And who are cut off 16 our fierce wrath has gone
over me; from Your hand.

Your terrors have cut me off.

6You have laid me in the lowest pit, In 1 7

darkness, in the depths. They came around me all day long like

water; They engulfed me altogether.

7Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And 1 8

You have afflicted me with all Your Loved one and friend You have
put far

waves.Selah from me, And my acquaintances into

darkness.

8You have put away my acquaintances

far from me; You have made me an PSALM 89 abomination to
them; I am shut up, and I

cannot get out; 1 1 will sing of the mercies of the LORD

forever; With my mouth will I make

'My eye wastes away because of known Your faithfulness to all
affliction. LORD, I have called daily generations. upon You; I have
stretched out my

hands to You. 2 For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up

forever; Your faithfulness You shall

10Will You work wonders for the dead?

establish in the very heavens."

Shall the dead arise and praise

You?Selah 3"I have made a covenant with My

chosen, I have sworn to My servant

11

Shall Your lovingkindness be declared David:

in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the

place of destruction? 4 Your seed I will establish forever, And

build up your throne to all

12 Shall Your wonders be known in the generations."Selah dark? And
Your righteousness in the

land of forgetfulness? 5And the heavens will praise Your

wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness

13But to You I have cried out, O LORD,

also in the assembly of the saints.

And in the morning my prayer comes

before You. 6For who in the heavens can be

compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be
likened to 18For our shield belongs to the LORD, the LORD? And our
king to the Holy One of Israel.

71 God is greatly to be feared in the ' Then You spoke in a vision to
Your assembly of the saints, And to be held in holy one, And said: "I
have given help to

reverence by all those around Him. one who is mighty; I have exalted
one

chosen from the people.

8O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty 0a have found My servant
David; With

like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness 2

also surrounds You. My holy oil I have anointed him,

2 1

'You rule the raging of the sea; When its wi th whom My hand shall be
waves rise, You still them. established; Also My arm shall

strengthen him.

10

You have broken Rahab in pieces, as

22

one who is slain; You have scattered The enemy shall not outwit him,
Nor

Your enemies with Your mighty arm. the son of wickedness afflict
him.

1 2 1The heavens are Yours, the earth also 3 will beat down his foes
before his is Yours; The world and all its fullness, face, And plague
those who hate him.

You have founded them.

2 4 'But My faithfulness and My mercy

12 The north and the south, You have shall be with him, And in My
name his

created them; Tabor and Hermon horn shall be exalted. rejoice in
Your name.

25Also I will set his hand over the sea,

13 ou have a mighty arm; Strong is Your And his right hand over the rivers. hand, and high is Your right hand.

2 6He shall cry to Me, "You are my Father,

14 Righteousness and justice are the My God, and the rock of my salvation.'

foundation of Your throne; Mercy and

truth go before Your face. 2 7Also I will make him My firstborn, The

highest of the kings of the earth.

15

Blessed are the people who know the

joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the 2' My mercy I will keep for him forever, light of Your countenance. And My covenant shall stand firm with

him.

16 n Your name they rejoice all day long,

And in Your righteousness they are 2 ' His seed also I will make to endure exalted. forever, And his throne as the days of

heaven.

17For You are the glory of their strength,

And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

3 4 2 0§§f his sons forsake My law And do not You have exalted the right hand of his walk in My judgments, adversaries; You have made all his

enemies rejoice.

31 they break My statutes And do not 43 ou have also turned back the edge of keep My commandments,

his sword, And have not sustained him

32 in the battle.

Then I will punish their transgression

with the rod, And their iniquity with 44 ou have made his glory cease,
And stripes.

cast his throne down to the ground.

33Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will 4 5The days of his youth You
have not utterly take from him, Nor allow My shortened; You have
covered him with faithfulness to fail. shame.Selah

34 4 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter 6How long, LORD? Will
You hide the word that has gone out of My lips. Yourself forever? Will
Your wrath burn

35 like fire? Once I have sworn by My holiness; I

will not lie to David: 47Remember how short my time is; For

3 what futility have You created all the 6His seed shall endure forever,
And his

children of men?

throne as the sun before Me;

4 8What man can live and not see death?

37 shall be established forever like the

Can he deliver his life from the power of

moon, Even like the faithful witness in the grave?Selah the
sky."Selah

38But You have cast off and abhorred, 4' Lord, where are Your former

lovingkindnesses, Which You swore to

You have been furious with Your David in Your truth? anointed.

50Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your

39You have renounced the covenant of servants-- How I bear in my
bosom the

Your servant; You have profaned his reproach of all the many peoples,
crown by casting it to the ground.

4 with which Your enemies have 0 51

You have broken down all his hedges; reproached, O LORD, With
which they

You have brought his strongholds to ruin. have reproached the
footsteps of Your

anointed.

41

All who pass by the way plunder him;

He is a reproach to his neighbors. 52Blessed be the LORD forevermore!

Amen and Amen.

PSALM 90 Who knows the power of Your anger? 1 1

For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

1 Lord, You have been our dwelling place

in all generations. So teach us to number our days, That 12

we may gain a heart of wisdom.

2Before the mountains were brought 3Return, O LORD! How long?
And have

forth, Or ever You had formed the earth

and the world, Even from everlasting to compassion on Your servants.
everlasting, You are God.

1 4

Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,

3You turn man to destruction, And say, That we may rejoice and be
glad all our

"Return, O children of men." days!

4 1 5 For a thousand years in Your sight Are Make us glad according to
the days in

like yesterday when it is past, And like a which You have afflicted us,
The years

watch in the night. in which we have seen evil.

5 1 6 Let Your work appear to Your servants,

You carry them away like a flood; They

are like a sleep. In the morning they are And Your glory to their
children.

like grass which grows up: 7 And let the beauty of the LORD our

1

6 God be upon us, And establish the work In the morning it flourishes
and grows

up; In the evening it is cut down and of our hands for us; Yes,
establish the

withers. work of our hands.

7 For we have been consumed by Your PSALM 91 anger, And by

Your wrath we are

terrified. ¹He who dwells in the secret place of the

Most High Shall abide under the shadow

⁸You have set our iniquities before You, of the Almighty. Our secret sins in the light of Your

countenance. ²I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge

and my fortress; My God, in Him I will

'For all our days have passed away in trust." Your wrath; We finish our years like a

sigh. ³Surely He shall deliver you from the

¹ perilous pestilence.

⁰The days of our lives are seventy years; And from the years; And if by reason of strength they

are eighty years, Yet their boast is only ⁴He shall cover you with His feathers, labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, And under His wings you shall take

and we fly away.

refuge; His truth shall be your shield and ¹ ⁶with long life I will satisfy him, And buckler. show him My salvation."

⁵You shall not be afraid of the terror by PSALM 92 night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

¹It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

⁶Nor of the pestilence that walks in And to sing praises to Your name,
O

darkness, Nor of the destruction that Most High; lays waste at noonday.

2 To declare Your lovingkindness in the

7A thousand may fall at your side, And morning, And Your faithfulness every

ten thousand at your right hand; But it night, shall not come near you.

3

8 On an instrument of ten strings, On the

Only with your eyes shall you look, And lute, And on the harp, With harmonious

see the reward of the wicked. sound.

Because you have made the LORD, 4For You, LORD, have made me glad

who is my refuge, Even the Most High, through Your work; I will triumph in the

your dwelling place, works of Your hands.

1 5 ONo evil shall befall you, Nor shall any

O LORD, how great are Your works!

plague come near your dwelling; Your thoughts are very deep.

1 6 1For He shall give His angels charge

A senseless man does not know, Nor

over you, To keep you in all your ways. does a fool understand this.

12 n their hands they shall bear you up,

7When the wicked spring up like grass,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone. And when all the workers of iniquity

flourish, It is that they may be destroyed

13 ou shall tread upon the lion and the forever. cobra, The young lion and the serpent

you shall trample underfoot. 8But You, LORD, are on high

forevermore.

14 Because he has set his love upon Me,

therefore I will deliver him; I will set him 'For behold, Your enemies, O LORD,

on high, because he has known My For behold, Your enemies shall perish;

name. All the workers of iniquity shall be

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5He shall call upon Me, and I will scattered.

answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will deliver him and honor him.

1 5 OBut my horn You have exalted like a

Your testimonies are very sure;

wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD,

oil. forever.

11

My eye also has seen my desire on PSALM 94

my enemies; My ears hear my desire on

the wicked Who rise up against me. 1O LORD God, to whom vengeance 1 belongs-- O God, to whom vengeance

2 The righteous shall flourish like a palm belongs, shine forth!

tree, He shall grow like a cedar in

Lebanon. 2 Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render 1 punishment to the proud.

3

Those who are planted in the house of

the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of 3LORD, how long will the wicked, How

our God. long will the wicked triumph?

14They shall still bear fruit in old age;

4They utter speech, and speak insolent

They shall be fresh and flourishing, things; All the workers of iniquity boast

1

5To declare that the LORD is upright; in themselves.

He is my rock, and there is no 5They break in pieces Your people, O unrighteousness in Him. LORD, And afflict Your heritage.

PSALM 93 6 They slay the widow and the stranger,

And murder the fatherless.

1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed with

majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has 7Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, girded Himself with strength. Surely the Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

world is established, so that it cannot be

moved. 8Understand, you senseless among the

people; And you fools, when will you be

2Your throne is established from of old; wise? You are from everlasting.

3The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The He who planted the ear, shall He not

hear? He who formed the eye, shall He

floods have lifted up their voice; The not see? floods lift up their waves.

1 OHe who instructs the nations, shall He

4The LORD on high is mightier Than the not correct, He who teaches man

noise of many waters, Than the mighty knowledge? waves of the sea.

1 2 1 3He has brought on them their own

The LORD knows the thoughts of man,

That they are futile. iniquity, And shall cut them off in their

own wickedness; The LORD our God

12 shall cut them off.

Blessed is the man whom You instruct,

O LORD, And teach out of Your law,

PSALM 95

13That You may give him rest from the

days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for 1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let the wicked. us shout joyfully to the Rock of our

salvation.

14

For the LORD will not cast off His

people, Nor will He forsake His 2 Let us come before His presence with inheritance. thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to

Him with psalms.

15

But judgment will return to
righteousness, And all the upright in 3For the LORD is the great God,
And the heart will follow it. great King above all gods.

1 4 6Who will rise up for me against the

In His hand are the deep places of the
evildoers? Who will stand up for me earth; The heights of the hills are
His
against the workers of iniquity? also.

1 5 7 Unless the LORD had been my help, The sea is His, for He made
it; And His

My soul would soon have settled in hands formed the dry land.
silence.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow

18 I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O

down; Let us kneel before the LORD our
LORD, will hold me up. Maker.

1 7 9 n the multitude of my anxieties within

For He is our God, And we are the
me, Your comforts delight my soul. people of His pasture, And the
sheep of

His hand. Today, if you will hear His

20

Shall the throne of iniquity, which voice:
devises evil by law, Have fellowship with
You? 8 Do not harden your hearts, as in the
rebellion, As in the day of trial in the

21

They gather together against the life of wilderness,
the righteous, And condemn innocent
blood. 9 When your fathers tested Me; They
tried Me, though they saw My work.

22

But the LORD has been my defense,
And my God the rock of my refuge.
11 0 0 For forty years I was grieved with that
Say among the nations, "The LORD
generation, And said, "It is a people who reigns; The world also is
firmly
go astray in their hearts, And they do established, It shall not be
moved; He
not know My ways.' shall judge the peoples righteously."

11 11

so I swore in My wrath, "They shall not Let the heavens rejoice, and
let the
enter My rest.' earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all
its fullness;

PSALM 96 1 2Let the field be joyful, and all that is in

1 it. Then all the trees of the woods will

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing

to the LORD, all the earth. rejoice before the LORD.

1 3For He is coming, for He is coming to

2Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

judge the earth. He shall judge the world

Proclaim the good news of His salvation

with righteousness, And the peoples

from day to day.

with His truth.

3Declare His glory among the nations,

His wonders among all peoples. PSALM 97

4 1The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; For the LORD is great and
greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all Let the multitude of
isles be glad! gods.

2 Clouds and darkness surround Him;

5 Righteousness and justice are the For all the gods of the peoples are
idols,

But the LORD made the heavens. foundation of His throne.

6 EA fire goes before Him, And burns up

Honor and majesty are before Him;

Strength and beauty are in His His enemies round about. sanctuary.

4His lightnings light the world; The earth

7 sees and trembles. Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and

strength. 5The mountains melt like wax at the

presence of the LORD, At the presence

8 of the Lord of the whole earth. Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into

His courts. 6 The heavens declare His righteousness,

And all the peoples see His glory.

'Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of

holiness! Tremble before Him, all the

earth.

7 5 Let all be put to shame who serve Sing to the LORD with the harp, With carved images, Who boast of idols. the harp and the sound of a psalm, Worship Him, all you gods.

6With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

8 Shout joyfully before the LORD, the Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of King. Your judgments, O LORD.

7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

'For You, LORD, are most high above The world and those who dwell in it; all the earth; You are exalted far above

all gods. 8Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the

1

O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He shall be joyful together before the LORD,

preserves the souls of His saints; He 'For He is coming to judge the earth.

delivers them out of the hand of the With righteousness He shall judge the

wicked. world, And the peoples with equity.

11

Light is sown for the righteous, And PSALM 99

gladness for the upright in heart.

1

2Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, 1The LORD reigns; Let the peoples

tremble! He dwells between the

And give thanks at the remembrance of

cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

His holy name.

2 The LORD is great in Zion, And He is

PSALM 98 high above all the peoples.

1 3 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For

Let them praise Your great and

He has done marvelous things; His right awesome name-- He is holy. hand and His holy arm have gained Him

the victory. 4

The King's strength also loves justice;

2 You have established equity; You have

The LORD has made known His executed justice and righteousness in

salvation; His righteousness He has Jacob. revealed in the sight of the nations.

3 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship

He has remembered His mercy and His at His footstool-- He is holy.
faithfulness to the house of Israel; All
the ends of the earth have seen the 6

Moses and Aaron were among His
salvation of our God.

priests, And Samuel was among those
4 who called upon His name; They called
Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the upon the LORD, and He answered
them.
earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and
sing praises.

7 He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; walk within my house with a
perfect

They kept His testimonies and the heart. ordinance He gave them.

I I will set nothing wicked before my

8 You answered them, O LORD our God; eyes; I hate the work of those
who fall

You were to them God-Who-Forgives, away; It shall not cling to me.
Though You took vengeance on their

deeds. 4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I

will not know wickedness.

'Exalt the LORD our God, And worship

at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is 5 Whoever secretly
slanders his neighbor, holy. Him I will destroy; The one who has a

haughty look and a proud heart, Him I

PSALM 100 will not endure.

1

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all 6My eyes shall be on the faithful
of the

you lands! land, That they may dwell with me; He

who walks in a perfect way, He shall

2 serve me.

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come

before His presence with singing. 7He who works deceit shall not
dwell

3Know that the LORD, He is God; It is within my house; He who tells
lies shall

He who has made us, and not we not continue in my presence.
ourselves; We are His people and the

sheep of His pasture. 8Early I will destroy all the wicked of the

land, That I may cut off all the evildoers

4 from the city of the LORD.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

And into His courts with praise. Be

thankful to Him, and bless His name. **PSALM 102**

5 1 For the LORD is good; His mercy is Hear my prayer, O LORD, And
let my everlasting, And His truth endures to all cry come to You.
generations.

2 Do not hide Your face from me in the

PSALM 101 day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to

me; In the day that I call, answer me

1 speedily. 1 will sing of mercy and justice; To You,

O LORD, I will sing praises. 3For my days are consumed like smoke,

2 And my bones are burned like a hearth. 1 will behave wisely in a perfect way.

Oh, when will You come to me? I will 4 1 My heart is stricken and withered like 6For the LORD shall build up Zion; He grass, So that I forget to eat my bread. shall appear in His glory.

5 1 7

Because of the sound of my groaning He shall regard the prayer of the

My bones cling to my skin. destitute, And shall not despise their

prayer.

61 am like a pelican of the wilderness; I 8This will be written for the generation

am like an owl of the desert. 1

to come, That a people yet to be created

7 may praise the LORD. 1 lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.

1' For He looked down from the height of

8 His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD My enemies reproach me all day long;

Those who deride me swear an oath viewed the earth,

against me. 0To hear the groaning of the prisoner,

'For I have eaten ashes like bread, And To release those appointed to death,

mingled my drink with weeping, 1To declare the name of the LORD in

10 Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem,

Because of Your indignation and Your

wrath; For You have lifted me up and 2When the peoples are gathered
cast me away. 2

together, And the kingdoms, to serve

11My days are like a shadow that

the LORD.

lengthens, And I wither away like grass. 3He weakened my strength in
the way;

12But You, O LORD, shall endure

He shortened my days.

forever, And the remembrance of Your

name to all generations. 2 4a said, "O my God, Do not take me

away in the midst of my days; Your

13 ou will arise and have mercy on Zion; years are throughout all
generations.

For the time to favor her, Yes, the set

time, has come. Of old You laid the foundation of the
 earth, And the heavens are the work of
 14 Your hands.

For Your servants take pleasure in her
 stones, And show favor to her dust. 6 They will perish, but You will
 endure;

2

15 Yes, they will all grow old like a
 So the nations shall fear the name of
 the LORD, And all the kings of the earth garment; Like a cloak You
 will change
 Your glory. them, And they will be changed.

2 7

But You are the same, And Your years
 will have no end.

2 1 2

' The children of Your servants will As far as the east is from the west,
 So
 continue, And their descendants will be far as He removed our
 transgressions
 established before You." from us.

PSALM 103 As a father pities his children, So the 1 3

LORD pities those who fear Him.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all

1 4

that is within me, bless His holy name! For He knows our frame; He
remembers that we are dust.

2Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget 5As for man, his days are like
grass; As

not all His benefits: 1

a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

3Who forgives all your iniquities, Who 1 6 For the wind passes over it,
and it is heals all your diseases,

gone, And its place remembers it no

4 more. Who redeems your life from destruction,

Who crowns you with lovingkindness 7But the mercy of the LORD is
from

and tender mercies, 1

everlasting to everlasting On those who

5 fear Him, And His righteousness to Who satisfies your mouth with
good

things, So that your youth is renewed children's children,

like the eagle's. 1 8To such as keep His covenant, And to

6 those who remember His The LORD executes righteousness And
justice for all who are oppressed. commandments to do them.

7 1' The LORD has established His throne He made known His ways to
Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. in heaven, And His kingdom
rules over

all.

8The LORD is merciful and gracious, 0Bless the LORD, you His angels,
Who

2

Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

excel in strength, who do His word,

Heeding the voice of His word.

'He will not always strive with us, Nor

will He keep His anger forever. 2 1Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, 1
You ministers of His, who do His 0

He has not dealt with us according to pleasure.

our sins, Nor punished us according to

our iniquities. 2 2Bless the LORD, all His works, In all

1 places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, 1For as the heavens are
high above the

O my soul!

earth, So great is His mercy toward

those who fear Him;

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They give drink to every beast of the

field; The wild donkeys quench their

1 thirst.

Bless the LORD, 0 my soul! 0 LORD

my God, You are very great: You are 1 2 By them the birds of the
heavens have clothed with honor and majesty,

their home; They sing among the

2 branches. Who cover Yourself with light as with a

garment, Who stretch out the heavens 1 3He waters the hills from His
upper like a curtain.

chambers; The earth is satisfied with the

3He lays the beams of His upper fruit of Your works.

chambers in the waters, Who makes the 14 He causes the grass to grow
for the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, cattle,
And vegetation for the service of

man, That he may bring forth food from

4 the earth,

Who makes His angels spirits, His

ministers a flame of fire. 5And wine that makes glad the heart of

1

5 man, Oil to make his face shine, And You who laid the foundations
of the

bread which strengthens man's heart.

earth, So that it should not be moved

forever, 1 6The trees of the LORD are full of sap,

6 The cedars of Lebanon which He You covered it with the deep as
with a

garment; The waters stood above the planted,

mountains. 1 7 Where the birds make their nests; The

7 stork has her home in the fir trees. At Your rebuke they fled; At the
voice of

Your thunder they hastened away. 1 8The high hills are for the wild
goats; 8 The cliffs are a refuge for the rock

They went up over the mountains; They

went down into the valleys, To the place badgers.

which You founded for them. 1 ' He appointed the moon for seasons;

'You have set a boundary that they may The sun knows its going
down.

not pass over, That they may not return 2 0 ou make darkness, and it is
night, In to cover the earth.

which all the beasts of the forest creep

10He sends the springs into the valleys;

about.

They flow among the hills. 2 1The young lions roar after their prey,

And seek their food from God.

22 33 will sing to the LORD as long as I

When the sun rises, they gather

together And lie down in their dens. live; I will sing praise to my God
while I

have my being.

23Man goes out to his work And to his

34

labor until the evening. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I

will be glad in the LORD.

24

o LORD, how manifold are Your 35May sinners be consumed from
the

works! In wisdom You have made them

all. The earth is full of Your earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless
possessions-- the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

25This great and wide sea, In which are

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innumerable teeming things, Living

things both small and great. 1

Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon

2 His name; Make known His deeds 6There the ships sail about; There
is

among the peoples!

that Leviathan Which You have made to

play there. 2

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk

2 of all His wondrous works! 7These all wait for You, That You may
give them their food in due season. 3Glory in His holy name; Let the
hearts

of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

2' What You give them they gather in;

You open Your hand, they are filled with 4

good. His face evermore! Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek

2 ' You hide Your face, they are troubled;

5Remember His marvelous works which

You take away their breath, they die and He has done, His wonders,
and the

return to their dust.

judgments of His mouth,

30 6 You send forth Your Spirit, they are O seed of Abraham His
servant, You created; And You renew the face of the children of Jacob,
His chosen ones! earth.

31 7He is the LORD our God; His

May the glory of the LORD endure judgments are in all the earth.

forever; May the LORD rejoice in His

works. 8He remembers His covenant forever,

32He looks on the earth, and it trembles; The word which He
commanded, for a

thousand generations,

He touches the hills, and they smoke.

'The covenant which He made with

Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, ^{1 2} 0 And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute, ³ srael also came into Egypt, And To Israel as an everlasting covenant, Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

^{1 2} 14

Saying, "To you I will give the land of He increased His people greatly, And

Canaan As the allotment of your made them stronger than their enemies.

inheritance,"

² 5 He turned their heart to hate His

¹²

When they were few in number, people, To deal craftily with His servants.

Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

² 6 He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron

¹³ When they went from one nation to

whom He had chosen.

another, From one kingdom to another

people, ² 7

They performed His signs among them,

And wonders in the land of Ham.

¹⁴

He permitted no one to do them

wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their ² 8

He sent darkness, and made it dark;

sakes, And they did not rebel against His word.

1 2 5Saying, "Do not touch My anointed

' He turned their waters into blood, And
ones, And do My prophets no harm." killed their fish.

1 3 6Moreover He called for a famine in the 0Their land abounded with
frogs, Even land; He destroyed all the provision of in the chambers of
their kings. bread.

31

1 He spoke, and there came swarms of 7He sent a man before them--
Joseph--

flies, And lice in all their territory.
who was sold as a slave.

32

1 He gave them hail for rain, And 8They hurt his feet with fetters, He
was

flaming fire in their land.
laid in irons.

1 33He struck their vines also, and their fig 9 Until the time that his
word came to trees, And splintered the trees of their
pass, The word of the LORD tested him. territory.

20The king sent and released him, The

34

He spoke, and locusts came, Young
ruler of the people let him go free. locusts without number,

21He made him lord of his house, And 35And ate up all the vegetation
in their

ruler of all his possessions, land, And devoured the fruit of their
2 ground. 2

To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his elders wisdom.

36He also destroyed all the firstborn in 3Blessed are those who keep
justice,

their land, The first of all their strength. And he who does
righteousness at all

times!

37He also brought them out with silver

and gold, And there was none feeble 4 Remember me, O LORD, with
the favor among His tribes. You have toward Your people. Oh, visit

me with Your salvation,

3

' Egypt was glad when they departed,

For the fear of them had fallen upon 5That I may see the benefit of
Your them. chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the

gladness of Your nation, That I may

3 glory with Your inheritance. ' He spread a cloud for a covering, And
fire to give light in the night.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, We

40The people asked, and He brought have committed iniquity, We
have done

quail, And satisfied them with the bread wickedly. of heaven.

7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand

41He opened the rock, and water gushed

Your wonders; They did not remember

out; It ran in the dry places like a river. the multitude of Your mercies,
But

rebelled by the sea--the Red Sea.

42For He remembered His holy promise,

And Abraham His servant. 8Nevertheless He saved them for His

name's sake, That He might make His

4 mighty power known. 3He brought out His people with joy, His
chosen ones with gladness.

'He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it

4 dried up; So He led them through the 4He gave them the lands of the

depths, As through the wilderness.

Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of

the nations, 1 0He saved them from the hand of him

4 who hated them, And redeemed them 5That they might observe His
statutes

from the hand of the enemy.

And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

1 1The waters covered their enemies;

PSALM 106 There was not one of them left.

1 Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to 2Then they believed His words;
They

the LORD, for He is good! For His sang His praise. mercy endures forever.

1 3They soon forgot His works; They did

2Who can utter the mighty acts of the not wait for His counsel, LORD?
Who can declare all His praise?

1 2 4 But lusted exceedingly in the 6Therefore He raised His hand in an wilderness, And tested God in the oath against them, To overthrow them in

desert. the wilderness,

1 2 5 7

And He gave them their request, But To overthrow their descendants

sent leanness into their soul. among the nations, And to scatter them
in the lands.

16When they envied Moses in the camp,

And Aaron the saint of the LORD, 2 8They joined themselves also to Baal of

Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the

17 dead.

The earth opened up and swallowed

Dathan, And covered the faction of

Abiram. 2 ' Thus they provoked Him to anger with

their deeds, And the plague broke out

18 among them.

A fire was kindled in their company;

The flame burned up the wicked. 0Then Phinehas stood up and

¹ intervened, And the plague was stopped. ' They made a calf in Horeb, And

worshiped the molded image. ³¹And that was accounted to him for

²⁰Thus they changed their glory Into the

righteousness To all generations

image of an ox that eats grass. forevermore.

² ³² ¹They forgot God their Savior, Who had

They angered Him also at the waters

done great things in Egypt, of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on

account of them;

²²Wondrous works in the land of Ham,

Awesome things by the Red Sea. ³³Because they rebelled against His

Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his

² lips. ³Therefore He said that He would

destroy them, Had not Moses His ³⁴ They did not destroy the peoples, chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away His wrath, lest He Concerning whom the LORD had

destroy them. commanded them,

² ³⁵ ⁴ But they mingled with the Gentiles And Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word, learned their works;

2 36They served their idols, Which became 5But complained in their
tents, And did not heed the voice of the LORD. a snare to them.

3 7They even sacrificed their sons And
their daughters to demons, 3' And shed innocent blood, The blood of
all the people say, "Amen!" Praise the
their sons and daughters, Whom they LORD! sacrificed to the idols of
Canaan; And

the land was polluted with blood. PSALM 107

3 they were defiled by their own ' Thus 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD,
for He is works, And played the harlot by their good! For His mercy
endures forever. own deeds.

4

0Therefore the wrath of the LORD was 2Let the redeemed of the LORD
say so,

Whom He has redeemed from the hand
kindled against His people, So that He
of the enemy,
abhorred His own inheritance.

4 3And gathered out of the lands, From 1And He gave them into the
hand of the

the east and from the west, From the
Gentiles, And those who hated them
north and from the south.
ruled over them.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a

Their enemies also oppressed them,

desolate way; They found no city to

And they were brought into subjection dwell in. under their hand.

4

3Many times He delivered them; But 5Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in

them.

they rebelled in their counsel, And were

brought low for their iniquity. 6 Then they cried out to the LORD in

4 their trouble, And He delivered them out 4 Nevertheless He regarded their of their distresses.

affliction, When He heard their cry;

4

5And for their sake He remembered His 7And He led them forth by the right way,

That they might go to a city for a

covenant, And relented according to the

dwelling place.

multitude of His mercies.

4 He also made them to be pitied By all

6 8Oh, that men would give thanks to the

LORD for His goodness, And for His

those who carried them away captive.

wonderful works to the children of men!

4 7

Save us, O LORD our God, And 'For He satisfies the longing soul,
And

gather us from among the Gentiles, To

fills the hungry soul with goodness.

give thanks to Your holy name, To

triumph in Your praise. 1 0Those who sat in darkness and in the 4
shadow of death, Bound in affliction and 8

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel

irons--

From everlasting to everlasting! And let 1 2 2 1Because they rebelled
against the

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of

words of God, And despised the counsel thanksgiving, And declare His
works

of the Most High, with rejoicing.

1 2 3 2Therefore He brought down their heart

Those who go down to the sea in

with labor; They fell down, and there ships, Who do business on great
waters,

was none to help.

2 4

They see the works of the LORD, And

Then they cried out to the LORD in His wonders in the deep.
their trouble, And He saved them out of
their distresses. 2 5For He commands and raises the
stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of

14
He brought them out of darkness and the sea.
the shadow of death, And broke their
chains in pieces. 2 6They mount up to the heavens, They
go down again to the depths; Their soul

15
Oh, that men would give thanks to the melts because of trouble.
LORD for His goodness, And for His
wonderful works to the children of men! 2 7They reel to and fro, and
stagger like a

1
6For He has broken the gates of bronze, drunken man, And are at
their wits' end.
And cut the bars of iron in two. 2 ' Then they cry out to the LORD in
their

trouble, And He brings them out of their

17
Fools, because of their transgression, distresses.
And because of their iniquities, were
afflicted. 2' He calms the storm, So that its waves
are still.

1' Their soul abhorred all manner of food,

And they drew near to the gates of 30 Then they are glad because they are death. quiet; So He guides them to their

1

9 Then they cried out to the LORD in desired haven.

their trouble, And He saved them out of 31 Oh, that men would give thanks to the their distresses. LORD for His goodness, And for His

wonderful works to the children of men!

20

He sent His word and healed them,

And 32 delivered them from their Let them exalt Him also in the destructions. assembly of the people, And praise Him

in the company of the elders.

21

Oh, that men would give thanks to the

LORD for His goodness, And for His 33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, And

wonderful works to the children of men! the watersprings into dry ground;

34 2 A fruitful land into barrenness, For the Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the

wickedness of those who dwell in it. dawn.

35 He turns a wilderness into pools of I I will praise You, O LORD, among the

water, And dry land into watersprings. peoples, And I will sing praises to You

among the nations.

36 There He makes the hungry dwell,

That they may establish a city for a ⁴For Your mercy is great above the dwelling place, heavens, And Your truth reaches to the

clouds.

37 And sow fields and plant vineyards,

That they may yield a fruitful harvest. ⁵Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

And Your glory above all the earth;

38

He also blesses them, and they

multiply greatly; And He does not let ⁶ That Your beloved may be delivered, their cattle decrease. Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

³ ⁷ 9 When they are diminished and brought

God has spoken in His holiness: "I will

low Through oppression, affliction and rejoice; I will divide Shechem And

sorrow, measure out the Valley of Succoth.

⁴ ⁸ 0 He pours contempt on princes, And

Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine;

causes them to wander in the Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;

wilderness where there is no way; Judah is My lawgiver.

⁴ ¹ et He sets the poor on high, far from 'Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will

affliction, And makes their families like a cast My shoe; Over Philistia
I will

flock. triumph."

41 2 0Who will bring me into the strong city?

The righteous see it and rejoice, And

all iniquity stops its mouth. Who will lead me to Edom?

41 3 1 Whoever is wise will observe these s it not You, O God, who
cast us off? things, And they will understand the And You, O God,
who did not go out

lovingkindness of the LORD. with our armies?

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Give us help from trouble, For the help
of man is useless.

1O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing 3Through God we will do
valiantly, For it

1

and give praise, even with my glory.

is He who shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109₁₃Let his posterity be cut off, And in the
generation following let their name be

1 blotted out. Do not keep silent, O God of my praise!

2 Let the iniquity of his fathers be For the mouth of the wicked and the
remembered before the LORD, And let
mouth of the deceitful Have opened
against me; They have spoken against not the sin of his mother be
blotted out.

me with a lying tongue. 1 5Let them be continually before the
3They have also surrounded me with LORD, That He may cut off the
memory
of them from the earth;
words of hatred, And fought against me
without a cause. 1 6Because he did not remember to show
4 mercy, But persecuted the poor and In return for my love they are
my
accusers, But I give myself to prayer. needy man, That he might even
slay the

broken in heart.

5Thus they have rewarded me evil for 7
good, And hatred for my love. 1 As he loved cursing, so let it come to
him; As he did not delight in blessing, so
6 let it be far from him.

Set a wicked man over him, And let an
accuser stand at his right hand. 1 8As he clothed himself with cursing
as

guilty, And let his prayer become sin. When he is judged, let him be
found like water, And like oil into his bones. 7 with his garment, So let
it enter his body

¹ ' Let it be to him like the garment which

⁸Let his days be few, And let another

covers him, And for a belt with which he

take his office.

girds himself continually.

Let his children be fatherless, And his ² 0Let this be the LORD's reward
to my

wife a widow.

accusers, And to those who speak evil

¹ against my person. 0Let his children continually be

vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek ² 1But You, O GOD the Lord, Deal
with their bread also from their desolate me for Your name's sake;
Because Your places.

mercy is good, deliver me.

¹¹Let the creditor seize all that he has, ²For I am poor and needy, And
my

²

And let strangers plunder his labor.

heart is wounded within me.

¹²Let there be none to extend mercy to ³ am gone like a shadow when
it

²

him, Nor let there be any to favor his

lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.

fatherless children.

24

My knees are weak through fasting, holiness, from the womb of the morning,

And my flesh is feeble from lack of You have the dew of Your youth. fatness.

2 relent, "You are a priest forever

5 also have become a reproach to 4The LORD has sworn And will not them; When they look at me, they shake According to the order of Melchizedek."

their heads.

2 execute kings in the day of His wrath.

6HeIp me, O LORD my God! Oh, save 5The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall

me according to Your mercy,

6 He shall judge among the nations, He

27That they may know that this is Your

shall fill the places with dead bodies, He

hand-- That You, LORD, have done it! shall execute the heads of many

countries.

28

Let them curse, but You bless; When

they arise, let them be ashamed, But let 7He shall drink of the brook by the Your servant rejoice. wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the

head.

2 ' Let my accusers be clothed with

shame, And let them cover themselves PSALM 111 with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

30 will greatly praise the LORD with my 1Praise the LORD! I will praise the

LORD with my whole heart, In the

mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the assembly of the upright and in the

multitude. congregation.

31For He shall stand at the right hand of 2 The works of the LORD are great, the poor, To save him from those who Studied by all who have pleasure in

condemn him. them.

PSALM 110 3His work is honorable and glorious, And

His righteousness endures forever.

1 The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My

right hand, Till I make Your enemies 4 He has made His wonderful works to Your footstool." be remembered; The LORD is gracious

and full of compassion.

2The LORD shall send the rod of Your

strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of 5He has given food to those who fear Your enemies! Him; He will ever be mindful of His

covenant.

3Your people shall be volunteers In the

day of Your power; In the beauties of 6He has declared to His people
the 6Surely he will never be shaken; The

power of His works, In giving them the righteous will be in everlasting
heritage of the nations. remembrance.

7 7 The works of His hands are verity and He will not be afraid of evil
tidings; His justice; All His precepts are sure. heart is steadfast,
trusting in the LORD.

8 8 They stand fast forever and ever, And His heart is established; He
will not be are done in truth and uprightness. afraid, Until he sees his
desire upon his

enemies.

'He has sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant 'He has dispersed abroad, He has
given forever: Holy and awesome is His name. to the poor; His
righteousness endures

forever; His horn will be exalted with

10The fear of the LORD is the beginning

honor.

of wisdom; A good understanding have 0The wicked will see it and be
grieved;

all those who do His commandments. 1

His praise endures forever. He will gnash his teeth and melt away;

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

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1 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man

who fears the LORD, Who delights 1Praise the LORD! Praise, O
servants of greatly in His commandments. the LORD, Praise the name
of the

LORD!

2His descendants will be mighty on

earth; The generation of the upright will 2Blessed be the name of the
LORD be blessed. From this time forth and forevermore!

3Wealth and riches will be in his house, 3From the rising of the sun to
its going

And his righteousness endures forever. down The LORD's name is to
be praised.

4 4 Unto the upright there arises light in the The LORD is high above
all nations, darkness; He is gracious, and full of His glory above the
heavens. compassion, and righteous.

5Who is like the LORD our God, Who

5A good man deals graciously and dwells on high, lends; He will guide
his affairs with

discretion. 6 Who humbles Himself to behold The

things that are in the heavens and in the
earth?

7 1 He raises the poor out of the dust, And Not unto us, O LORD, not
unto us, But lifts the needy out of the ash heap, to Your name give
glory, Because of

Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

8That He may seat him with princes--

With the princes of His people. 2 Why should the Gentiles say, "So

Like a joyful mother of children. Praise our God is in heaven; He does
3But 'He grants the barren woman a home,
the LORD! whatever He pleases.

PSALM 114 4Their idols are silver and gold, The
work of men's hands.

1 When Israel went out of Egypt, The
house of Jacob from a people of strange 5They have mouths, but they
do not
language, speak; Eyes they have, but they do not
see;
2Judah became His sanctuary, And
Israel His dominion. 6 They have ears, but they do not hear;
Noses they have, but they do not smell;
3The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned 7They have hands, but they do
not back.
handle; Feet they have, but they do not
4 walk; Nor do they mutter through their
The mountains skipped like rams, The
throat.
little hills like lambs.
8Those who make them are like them;
5What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O

So is everyone who trusts in them.

Jordan, that you turned back?

6 O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their

O mountains, that you skipped like

help and their shield.

rams? O little hills, like lambs?

1 O

7 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of

He is their help and their shield.

the Lord, At the presence of the God of

Jacob, 1 You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD; He is their
help and their shield.

Who turned the rock into a pool of

water, The flint into a fountain of waters. 1 2The LORD has been
mindful of us; He

PSALM 115 will bless us; He will bless the house of

Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

1 3He will bless those who fear the LORD,

Return to your rest, O my soul, For the

Both small and great. LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

1 4 May the LORD give you increase more For You have delivered my
soul from and more, You and your children. death, My eyes from
tears, And my feet

from falling.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD,

Who made heaven and earth. 9 I will walk before the LORD In the land

of the living.

16 The heaven, even the heavens, are

the LORD's; But the earth He has given I O believed, therefore I spoke,
"I am to the children of men. greatly afflicted."

11 7 I said in my haste, "All men are liars." The dead do not praise
the LORD, Nor any who go down into silence.

1 2

What shall I render to the LORD For

18

But we will bless the LORD From this all His benefits toward me?
time forth and forevermore. Praise the

LORD! I 3 will take up the cup of salvation, And

call upon the name of the LORD.

PSALM 116

14a will pay my vows to the LORD Now in

1 the presence of all His people. I love the LORD, because He has
heard My voice and my supplications.

1 5 Precious in the sight of the LORD Is

2 the death of His saints. Because He has inclined His ear to me,
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as

1 6

I live. O LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am

Your servant, the son of Your

3The pains of death surrounded me, And maidservant; You have
loosed my

the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I bonds.

found trouble and sorrow. 7a will offer to You the sacrifice of

1

4 thanksgiving, And will call upon the Then I called upon the name of
the

LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver name of the LORD. my soul!"

18a will pay my vows to the LORD Now in

5 the presence of all His people, Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful.

1 ' In the courts of the LORD's house, In

6 the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise The LORD preserves the
simple; I was

brought low, and He saved me. the LORD!

PSALM 117 They surrounded me, Yes, they 1 1

surrounded me; But in the name of the

1 LORD I will destroy them.

Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!

Laud Him, all you peoples! 1 2 They surrounded me like bees; They 2
were quenched like a fire of thorns; For

For His merciful kindness is great

toward us, And the truth of the LORD in the name of the LORD I will
destroy

them.

endures forever. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 118 fall, But the LORD helped me. 1 3 ou pushed
me violently, that I might

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is 1 4

The LORD is my strength and song,

good! For His mercy endures forever. And He has become my
salvation.

2Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures 1 5The voice of rejoicing and
salvation 1s forever." in the tents of the righteous; The right

3Let the house of Aaron now say, "His hand of the LORD does
valiantly.

mercy endures forever." 1 6The right hand of the LORD is exalted; 4
The right hand of the LORD does

Let those who fear the LORD now say, valiantly.

"His mercy endures forever."

17a shall n I live, An the

t

51 called on the LORD in distress; The works of the LORD. LORD
answered me and set me in a

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broad place. 1 8The LORD has chastened me severely,

ot die, bu

But He has not given me over to death.

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6The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

d declare

What can man do to me? 1 to ' Open me the gates of 7 righteousness; I will go through them,

The LORD is for me among those who And I will praise the LORD.

help me; Therefore I shall see my desire

on those who hate me. 2 0This is the gate of the LORD, Through 8 which the righteous shall enter.

It is better to trust in the LORD Than to

put confidence in man. 2 1 will praise You, For You have

answered me, And have become my

'It is better to trust in the LORD Than to salvation. put confidence in princes.

2 2

1 The stone which the builders rejected 0All nations surrounded me, But in the

Has become the chief cornerstone.

name of the LORD I will destroy them.

2 6 3This was the LORD's doing; It is

Then I would not be ashamed, When I

marvelous in our eyes. look into all Your commandments.

2 7 4

This is the day the LORD has made; 1 will praise You with uprightness of

We will rejoice and be glad in it. heart, When I learn Your righteous

judgments.

²⁵Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I

pray, send now prosperity. ⁸1 will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not

forsake me utterly!

²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name

of the LORD! We have blessed you from ⁹How can a young man
cleans his the house of the LORD. way? By taking heed according to
Your

word.

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God is the LORD, And He has given

¹ 0

us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to with my whole heart I have
sought

the horns of the altar. You; Oh, let me not wander from Your

commandments!

²⁸ ou are my God, and I will praise You;

You are my God, I will exalt You. ¹ 1 our word I have hidden in my
heart,

That I might not sin against You.

² ' Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is

good! For His mercy endures forever. ¹ 2Blessed are You, O LORD!
Teach me

Your statutes.

PSALM 119 ¹ 3With my lips I have declared All the

¹ judgments of Your mouth.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,

Who walk in the law of the LORD! 1 4a have rejoiced in the way of
Your 2 testimonies, As much as in all riches.

Blessed are those who keep His

testimonies, Who seek Him with the 1 5a will meditate on Your
precepts, And whole heart!

contemplate Your ways.

3They also do no iniquity; They walk in 16a will delight myself in
Your statutes; I His ways.

will not forget Your word.

4You have commanded us To keep Your 7Deal bountifully with Your
servant,

1

precepts diligently.

That I may live and keep Your word.

5Oh, that my ways were directed To

keep Your statutes! open my eyes, that I may see 1 8

Wondrous things from Your law.

19 am a stranger in the earth; Do not 32 will run the course of Your
hide Your commandments from me. commandments, For You shall
enlarge

my heart.

20My soul breaks with longing For Your

33

judgments at all times. Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your

statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

21

You rebuke the proud--the cursed,

34

Who stray from Your commandments. Give me understanding, and I shall

keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it

22 with my whole heart.

Remove from me reproach and

contempt, For I have kept Your 35 Make me walk in the path of Your testimonies.

commandments, For I delight in it.

23 Princes also sit and speak against me,

But Your servant meditates on Your 36 incline my heart to Your testimonies,

statutes. And not to covetousness.

24 our testimonies also are my delight 37 Turn away my eyes from looking at

And my counselors. worthless things, And revive me in Your

way.

25 My soul clings to the dust; Revive me

according to Your word. 38 Establish Your word to Your servant,

Who is devoted to fearing You.

26 a have declared my ways, and You

answered me; Teach me Your statutes. 3' Turn away my reproach
which I dread,

For Your judgments are good.

27 Make me understand the way of Your

precepts; So shall I meditate on Your 4 0 Behold, I long for Your
precepts; wonderful works. Revive me in Your righteousness.

2 4 8 My soul melts from heaviness; 1 Let Your mercies come also to me,
O Strengthen me according to Your word. LORD-- Your salvation
according to

Your word.

29 Remove from me the way of lying, And

grant me Your law graciously. So shall I have an answer for him who 4
2

reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.

30 a have chosen the way of truth; Your

judgments I have laid before me. 4 3 And take not the word of truth
utterly

out of my mouth, For I have hoped in

31 cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, Your ordinances. do not put me
to shame!

4 5 47

So shall I keep Your law continually, You are my portion, O LORD; I
have

Forever and ever. said that I would keep Your words.

4 5 5 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek 8 entreated Your favor with
my whole Your precepts. heart; Be merciful to me according to

Your word.

46 will speak of Your testimonies also

before kings, And will not be ashamed. 5' I thought about my ways,
And turned

my feet to Your testimonies.

47

And I will delight myself in Your 0 made haste, and did not delay
To

commandments, Which I love. 6

keep Your commandments.

4' My hands also I will lift up to Your

6 1

commandments, Which I love, And I will The cords of the wicked
have bound

meditate on Your statutes. me, But I have not forgotten Your law.

4 62 9Remember the word to Your servant,

At midnight I will rise to give thanks to

Upon which You have caused me to You, Because of Your righteous
hope. judgments.

5 6 0This is my comfort in my affliction, For 3 am a companion of all
who fear You, Your word has given me life. And of those who keep
Your precepts.

5 6 1The proud have me in great derision, 4The earth, O LORD, is full
of Your Yet I do not turn aside from Your law. mercy; Teach me Your
statutes.

5 6 2a remembered Your judgments of old, 5 ou have dealt well with
Your servant, O LORD, And have comforted myself. O LORD,
according to Your word.

5 6 3 ndignation has taken hold of me 6Teach me good judgment and
Because of the wicked, who forsake knowledge, For I believe Your
Your law. commandments.

54 67Before I was afflicted I went astray,

Your statutes have been my songs In
the house of my pilgrimage. But now I keep Your word.

5 6 5a remember Your name in the night, O 8 ou are good, and do
good; Teach me LORD, And I keep Your law. Your statutes.

5 6 6This has become mine, Because I kept

' The proud have forged a lie against
Your precepts. me, But I will keep Your precepts with
my whole heart.

7 82 0Their heart is as fat as grease, But I

My eyes fail from searching Your word,
delight in Your law. Saying, "When will You comfort me?"

7 8 1 is good for me that I have been 3For I have become like a
wineskin in afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. smoke, Yet I do
not forget Your statutes.

The law of Your mouth is better to me How many are the days of
Your

Than thousands of coins of gold and servant? When will You execute
silver. judgment on those who persecute me?

7 8 3Your hands have made me and 5The proud have dug pits for me,
Which fashioned me; Give me understanding, is not according to Your
law. that I may learn Your commandments.

86

All Your commandments are faithful;

74

Those who fear You will be glad when They persecute me
wrongfully; Help me!

they see me, Because I have hoped in

Your word. 87They almost made an end of me on

7 precepts.

5a know, O LORD, that Your judgments earth, But I did not forsake
Your

are right, And that in faithfulness You

have afflicted me. 88Revive me according to Your

lovingkindness, So that I may keep the

76

Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be testimony of Your mouth.

for my comfort, According to Your word

to Your servant. 8' Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled

in heaven.

77

Let Your tender mercies come to me,
that I may live; For Your law is my 90 our faithfulness endures to all
delight. generations; You established the earth,
and it abides.

7' Let the proud be ashamed, For they
treated me wrongfully with falsehood; 91 They continue this day
according to But I will meditate on Your precepts. Your ordinances,
For all are Your
servants.

79

Let those who fear You turn to me,
Those who know Your testimonies. 92 Unless Your law had been my
delight,

8 affliction.

0 Let my heart be blameless regarding I would then have perished in
my

Your statutes, That I may not be
ashamed. 93 will never forget Your precepts, For

8

1 My soul faints for Your salvation, But I by them You have given me
life.

hope in Your word.

4 1 am Yours, save me; For I have

' 106 have sworn and confirmed That I will

sought Your precepts. keep Your righteous judgments.

' 107 am afflicted very much; Revive me,

5 The wicked wait for me to destroy me,

O LORD, according to Your word.

But I will consider Your testimonies.

1 08Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of

' 61 have seen the consummation of all

my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your

perfection, But Your commandment is

judgments.

exceedingly broad.

1 09My life is continually in my hand, Yet I

' 7 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my

do not forget Your law.

meditation all the day.

' The wicked have laid a snare for me, 8 1 10

You, through Your commandments,

make me wiser than my enemies; For Yet I have not strayed from Your

they are ever with me. precepts.

1 11 our testimonies I have taken as a

"I have more understanding than all my

heritage forever, For they are the

teachers, For Your testimonies are my
meditation. rejoicing of my heart.

1

00a understand more than the ancients, 112a have inclined my heart
to perform

Because I keep Your precepts. Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

1

01a have restrained my feet from every 113 hate the double-minded,
But I love

Your law.

evil way, That I may keep Your word.

1 shield; I hope in Your word.

02a have not departed from Your 114 ou are my hiding place and my
judgments, For You Yourself have

taught me. 1 15Depart from me, you evildoers, For I

1 will keep the commandments of my 03How sweet are Your words to
my

God!

taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

1 16

1 Uphold me according to Your word, 04Through Your precepts I get
that I may live; And do not let me be
understanding; Therefore I hate every ashamed of my hope. false way.

1 HoId me up, and I shall be safe, And I 05 our word is a lamp to my feet And a

shall observe Your statutes continually.

light to my path.

1 18 ou reject all those who stray from 30The entrance of Your words gives Your statutes, For their deceit is light; It gives understanding to the

falsehood. simple.

1 1 19 ou put away all the wicked of the 31 pened my mouth and panted, For I earth like dross; Therefore I love Your longed for Your commandments. testimonies.

1 32Look upon me and be merciful to me,

120

My flesh trembles for fear of You, And As Your custom is toward those who

I am afraid of Your judgments. love Your name.

1 1 21a have done justice and 33Direct my steps by Your word, And let righteousness; Do not leave me to my no iniquity have dominion over me. oppressors.

1 34

1 man, That I may keep Your precepts.

22Be surety for Your servant for good; Redeem me from the oppression of

Do not let the proud oppress me.

1 35Make Your face shine upon Your

123My eyes fail from seeking Your

servant, And teach me Your statutes.

salvation And Your righteous word.

1 36Rivers of water run down from my

124

Deal with Your servant according to eyes, Because men do not
keep Your

Your mercy, And teach me Your law. statutes.

1 37Righteous are You, O LORD, And

125a am Your servant; Give me

upright are Your judgments.

understanding, That I may know Your

testimonies. 1 38 our testimonies, which You have

commanded, Are righteous and very

126 I is time for You to act, O LORD, For

faithful.

they have regarded Your law as void.

1 39My zeal has consumed me, Because

127

Therefore I love Your commandments my enemies have forgotten
Your words.

More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

1 40

Your word is very pure; Therefore

128Therefore all Your precepts Your servant loves it. concerning all
things I consider to be

right; I hate every false way. 141a am small and despised, Yet I do not
forget Your precepts.

129

Your testimonies are wonderful;

Therefore my soul keeps them. 1 42Your righteousness is an
everlasting

righteousness, And Your law is truth.

1 1 4355

Trouble and anguish have overtaken Salvation is far from the
wicked, For

me, Yet Your commandments are my they do not seek Your statutes.
delights.

1 56

Great are Your tender mercies, O

144The righteousness of Your LORD; Revive me according to Your
testimonies is everlasting; Give me judgments. understanding, and I
shall live.

1 57Many are my persecutors and my

145 cry out with my whole heart; Hear

enemies, Yet I do not turn from Your

me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes. testimonies.

1 1 46a cry out to You; Save me, and I will 58a see the treacherous,
and am keep Your testimonies. disgusted, Because they do not keep

Your word.

147a rise before the dawning of the

1 59

morning, And cry for help; I hope in You Consider how I love Your precepts;

word. Revive me, O LORD, according to Your

lovingkindness.

148My eyes are awake through the night

watches, That I may meditate on Your 1 60The entirety of Your word is truth, And word. every one of Your righteous judgments

endures forever.

14 Hear my voice according to Your

lovingkindness; O LORD, revive me 1 61Princes persecute me without a cause, according to Your justice. But my heart stands in awe of Your

word.

150They draw near who follow after

wickedness; They are far from Your law. 162 rejoice at Your word As one who

finds great treasure.

151 ou are near, O LORD, And all Your

163 hate and abhor lying, But I love Your

commandments are truth.

law.

152

Concerning Your testimonies, I have 164

Seven times a day I praise You,

known of old that You have founded

Because of Your righteous judgments.

them forever.

53Consider my affliction and deliver me, 165Great peace have those
who love

Your law, And nothing causes them to

For I do not forget Your law.

stumble.

154Plead my cause and redeem me; 66LORD, I hope for Your
salvation, And

1

Revive me according to Your word.

I do Your commandments.

167My soul keeps Your testimonies, And 3What shall be given to you,
Or what

I love them exceedingly. shall be done to you, You false tongue?

1 4 68a keep Your precepts and Your

Sharp arrows of the warrior, With coals

testimonies, For all my ways are before of the broom tree! You.

5Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech,

169Let my cry come before You, O

That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

LORD; Give me understanding

according to Your word. 6 My soul has dwelt too long With one

who hates peace.

170Let my supplication come before You;

Deliver me according to Your word. 7 I am for peace; But when I speak, they

are for war.

171

My lips shall utter praise, For You

teach me Your statutes. **PSALM 121**

172 My tongue shall speak of Your word,

I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From

For all Your commandments are whence comes my help?
righteousness.

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73 Let Your hand become my help, For I 2 My help comes from the
LORD, Who

made heaven and earth.

have chosen Your precepts.

1 3 He will not allow your foot to be moved; 74 a long for Your
salvation, O LORD, He who keeps you will not slumber. And Your law
is my delight.

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75 Let my soul live, and it shall praise 4 Behold, He who keeps Israel
Shall

neither slumber nor sleep.

You; And let Your judgments help me.

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76 a have gone astray like a lost sheep; 5 The LORD is your keeper; The
LORD

is your shade at your right hand.

Seek Your servant, For I do not forget

Your commandments. 6The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor
the moon by night.

PSALM 120

7The LORD shall preserve you from all

1 In my distress I cried to the LORD, And evil; He shall preserve your
soul. He heard me.

8The LORD shall preserve your going

2Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying out and your coming in From
this time

lips And from a deceitful tongue. forth, and even forevermore.

PSALM 122 3Have mercy on us, O LORD, have

mercy on us! For we are exceedingly

1 filled with contempt.

1 was glad when they said to me, "Let

us go into the house of the LORD." 4Our soul is exceedingly filled With
the 2 scorn of those who are at ease, With the

Our feet have been standing Within

contempt of the proud.

your gates, O Jerusalem!

3 PSALM 124 Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact
together,

1 If it had not been the LORD who was

4 on our side," Let Israel now say--Where the tribes go up, The tribes of
the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel,

To give thanks to the name of the LORD. 2 If it had not been the LORD
who was

on our side, When men rose up against

5 us, For thrones are set there for judgment,

The thrones of the house of David.

3Then they would have swallowed us

6 alive, When their wrath was kindled Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
"May

they prosper who love you. against us;

7 4 Then the waters would have Peace be within your walls, Prosperity
within your palaces." overwhelmed us, The stream would

have gone over our soul;

8For the sake of my brethren and

companions, I will now say, "Peace be 5Then the swollen waters Would
have

within you." gone over our soul."

'Because of the house of the LORD our 6 Blessed be the LORD, Who has
not

God I will seek your good. given us as prey to their teeth.

PSALM 123 7Our soul has escaped as a bird from

the snare of the fowlers; The snare is

1 broken, and we have escaped.

Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who
dwell in the heavens. 8

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

2 Who made heaven and earth.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to
the hand of their masters, As the eyes of

a maid to the hand of her mistress, So **PSALM 125**

our eyes look to the LORD our God,

Until He has mercy on us.

1 Those who trust in the LORD Are like 6He who continually goes
forth weeping,

Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall
but abides forever. doubtless come again with rejoicing,

Bringing his sheaves with him.

2As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

So the LORD surrounds His people **PSALM 127** From this time
forth and forever.

3 1Unless the LORD builds the house,

For the scepter of wickedness shall not They labor in vain who build
it; Unless

rest On the land allotted to the righteous, the LORD guards the city,
The

Lest the righteous reach out their hands watchman stays awake in
vain. to iniquity.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit

4Do good, O LORD, to those who are up late, To eat the bread of
sorrows; For

good, And to those who are upright in so He gives His beloved sleep. their hearts.

5 3Behold, children are a heritage from the

As for such as turn aside to their LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

crooked ways, The LORD shall lead

them away With the workers of iniquity. 4

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So

Peace be upon Israel! are the children of one's youth.

PSALM 126 5Happy is the man who has his quiver

full of them; They shall not be ashamed,

1 When the LORD brought back the But shall speak with their enemies in the

captivity of Zion, We were like those gate. who dream.

2 **PSALM 128**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

And our tongue with singing. Then they 1

Blessed is every one who fears the

said among the nations, "The LORD has

LORD, Who walks in His ways.

done great things for them."

3 2When you eat the labor of your hands,

The LORD has done great things for us,

You shall be happy, and it shall be well

And we are glad.

with you.

⁴Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As ³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine In

the streams in the South.

the very heart of your house, Your

⁵ children like olive plants All around your

Those who sow in tears Shall reap in table.

Jy ⁴1 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Out of the depths I have cried to You, O Who fears the LORD. LORD;

⁵ ² The LORD bless you out of Zion, And Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be may you see the good of Jerusalem All attentive To the voice of my the days of your life. supplications.

⁶Yes, may you see your children's Elf You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O

children. Peace be upon Israel! Lord, who could stand?

PSALM 129 ⁴But there is forgiveness with You, That

You may be feared.

¹ Many a time they have afflicted me

from my youth," Let Israel now say-- ⁵ ¹ wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And

in His word I do hope.

² Many a time they have afflicted me

from my youth; Yet they have not 6 My soul waits for the Lord More
than

prevailed against me. those who watch for the morning-- Yes,

more than those who watch for the

3The plowers plowed on my back; They morning.

made their furrows long." 7O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with

4 the LORD there is mercy, And with Him The LORD is righteous; He
has cut in

pieces the cords of the wicked. is abundant redemption.

8And He shall redeem Israel From all his

5Let all those who hate Zion Be put to

shame and turned back. iniquities.

6 **PSALM 131** Let them be as the grass on the housetops, Which
withers before it

grows up, 1LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my

eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself

7 with great matters, Nor with things too With which the reaper does
not fill his

hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his profound for me. arms.

2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my

8 soul, Like a weaned child with his Neither let those who pass by
them say,

"The blessing of the LORD be upon you; mother; Like a weaned child
is my soul

We bless you in the name of the LORD!" within me.

PSALM 130 O Israel, hope in the LORD From this
time forth and forever.

PSALM 132 them, Their sons also shall sit upon your
throne forevermore."

¹ LORD, remember David And all his ³For the LORD has chosen Zion;
He

1

afflictions;

has desired it for His dwelling place:

²How he swore to the LORD, And

vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: ¹⁴⁴"This is My resting place
forever; Here

I will dwell, for I have desired it.

³ " SureIy I will not go into the chamber of

¹⁵ will abundantly bless her provision; I

my house, Or go up to the comfort of my

will satisfy her poor with bread.

bed;

¹⁶ will also clothe her priests with

⁴¹ will not give sleep to my eyes Or salvation, And her saints shall
shout

slumber to my eyelids, aloud for joy.

⁵ ¹ ⁷ Until I find a place for the LORD, A

There I will make the horn of David

dwelling place for the Mighty One of grow; I will prepare a lamp for
My

Jacob." Anointed.

⁶Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; ¹ ⁸His enemies I will clothe with
shame, We found it in the fields of the woods. But upon Himself His
crown shall

⁷ flourish."

Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us
worship at His footstool.

PSALM 133

⁸Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place,

You and the ark of Your strength. ¹Behold, how good and how
pleasant it

is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

'Let Your priests be clothed with ²

It is like the precious oil upon the head,
righteousness, And let Your saints shout

Running down on the beard, The beard
for joy.

of Aaron, Running down on the edge of
¹ his garments. ⁰For Your servant David's sake, Do not
turn away the face of Your Anointed. ³ is like the dew of Hermon,

¹ Descending upon the mountains of Zion; ¹ The LORD has sworn in
truth to David; For there the LORD commanded the He will not turn

from it: "I will set upon blessing-- Life forevermore. your throne the fruit of your body.

1 PSALM 134 2 your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach 1 9 Behold, bless the LORD, All you He sent signs and wonders into the servants of the LORD, Who by night midst of you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh

stand in the house of the LORD! and all his servants.

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Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And He defeated many nations And slew

bless the LORD. mighty kings--

3The LORD who made heaven and 11Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of earth Bless you from Zion! Bashan, And all the kingdoms of

Canaan--

PSALM 135 1 2And gave their land as a heritage, A

1 heritage to Israel His people.

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of

the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants 1 3 our name, O LORD, endures forever, of the LORD!

Your fame, O LORD, throughout all

2 generations.

You who stand in the house of the

LORD, In the courts of the house of our 1 4For the LORD will judge His people, God,

And He will have compassion on His

3Praise the LORD, for the LORD is servants.

good; Sing praises to His name, for it is 1 5 The idols of the nations are silver and pleasant.

gold, The work of men's hands.

4For the LORD has chosen Jacob for 6They have mouths, but they do not

Himself, Israel for His special treasure. 1

speak; Eyes they have, but they do not

5 see; For I know that the LORD is great, And

our Lord is above all gods. 1 7 They have ears, but they do not hear; 6 Nor is there any breath in their mouths.

Whatever the LORD pleases He does,

In heaven and in earth, In the seas and 1 8 Those who make them are like them; in all deep places.

So is everyone who trusts in them.

7He causes the vapors to ascend from

the ends of the earth; He makes 1 ' Bless the LORD, O house of Israel!

lightning for the rain; He brings the wind Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron! out of His treasures.

2 OBless the LORD, O house of Levi! You

8 who fear the LORD, bless the LORD! He destroyed the firstborn of Egypt,

Both of man and beast.

2 1 2 1 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,

With a strong hand, and with an

Who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the outstretched arm, For His mercy

LORD! endures forever;

PSALM 136 To Him who divided the Red Sea in 1 3

two, For His mercy endures forever;

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is

1 4

good! For His mercy endures forever. And made Israel pass through the

midst of it, For His mercy endures

2 forever; Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For

His mercy endures forever. 1 5 But overthrew Pharaoh and his army 3 in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures

Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For

His mercy endures forever: forever;

16 To Him who led His people through

4 To Him who alone does great wonders,

For His mercy endures forever; the wilderness, For His mercy endures

forever;

5To Him who by wisdom made the 7To Him who struck down great
kings,

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heavens, For His mercy endures
forever; For His mercy endures forever;

1 8

6 And slew famous kings, For His mercy
To Him who laid out the earth above
the waters, For His mercy endures endures forever--
forever;

1 ' Sihon king of the Amorites, For His

7 mercy endures forever;
To Him who made great lights, For His

mercy endures forever-- 2 0And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy 8
endures forever--

The sun to rule by day, For His mercy

endures forever; 2 1And gave their land as a heritage, For

His mercy endures forever;

"The moon and stars to rule by night,

For His mercy endures forever. 2 2A heritage to Israel His servant, For
10 His mercy endures forever.

To Him who struck Egypt in their

firstborn, For His mercy endures forever; 2 3Who remembered us in
our lowly state,

11And brought out Israel from among

For His mercy endures forever;

them, For His mercy endures forever; 2 4And rescued us from our
enemies, For

His mercy endures forever;

2 9 5Who gives food to all flesh, For His

Happy the one who takes and dashes

mercy endures forever. Your little ones against the rock!

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Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! PSALM 138

For His mercy endures forever.

1 1 will praise You with my whole heart;

PSALM 137 Before the gods I will sing praises to

You.

1 By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat

down, yea, we wept When we 21 will worship toward Your holy
temple, remembered Zion. And praise Your name For Your

lovingkindness and Your truth; For You

2 have magnified Your word above all We hung our harps Upon the
willows in

the midst of it. Your name.

3For there those who carried us away 3

In the day when I cried out, You

captive asked of us a song, And those answered me, And made me bold with

who plundered us requested mirth, strength in my soul. Saying, "Sing us one of the songs of

Zion!" 4All the kings of the earth shall praise

You, O LORD, When they hear the

4 words of Your mouth. How shall we sing the LORD's song In a foreign land?

5Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the

5 LORD, For great is the glory of the If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let my

right hand forget its skill! LORD.

66 Though the LORD is on high, Yet He If I do not remember you, Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth-- If regards the lowly; But the proud He

I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief knows from afar. joy.

7Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

7 You will revive me; You will stretch out Remember, O LORD, against the sons

of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who Your hand Against the wrath of my

said, "Raze it, raze it, To its very enemies, And Your right hand will save

foundation!" me.

8 The LORD will perfect that which s

O daughter of Babylon, who are to be
destroyed, Happy the one who repays concerns me; Your mercy, O
LORD,
you as you have served us! endures forever; Do not forsake the
works of Your hands.

PSALM 139 day; The darkness and the light are both
alike to You.

¹ O LORD, You have searched me and ³For You formed my inward
parts; You

¹

known me.

covered me in my mother's womb.

²You know my sitting down and my ^{4a} will praise You, for I am
fearfully and

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rising up; You understand my thought

afar off. wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your

works, And that my soul knows very well.

³You comprehend my path and my lying ¹ ⁵My frame was not hidden
from You, down, And are acquainted with all my ways. When I was
made in secret, And

skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of

⁴ the earth.

For there is not a word on my tongue,

But behold, O LORD, You know it 16 our eyes saw my substance, being altogether.

yet unformed. And in Your book they all
5 were written, The days fashioned for me,
You have hedged me behind and

When as yet there were none of them.
before, And laid Your hand upon me.

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6 How precious also are Your thoughts
me; It is high, I cannot attain it. to me, O God! How great is the sum
of Such knowledge is too wonderful for
them!

7Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or 8 I should count them, they
would be

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where can I flee from Your presence?
more in number than the sand; When I
8 awake, I am still with You.
If I ascend into heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are 1' Oh, that You would slay
the wicked, O there. God! Depart from me, therefore, you
bloodthirsty men.

'If I take the wings of the morning, And

dwelt in the uttermost parts of the sea, 2 O For they speak against You wickedly;

1 Your enemies take Your name in vain. O Even there Your hand shall lead me,

And Your right hand shall hold me. 2 1 Do I not hate them, O LORD, who hate

1 You? And do I not loathe those who rise 1 I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall

up against You?

on me," Even the night shall be light

about me; 2 2a hate them with perfect hatred; I count

1 them my enemies. 2 Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the 2 1 3 Search me, O God, and know my O Let burning coals fall upon them; Let heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits,

that they rise not up again.

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And see if there is any wicked way in

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me, And lead me in the way everlasting. Let not a slanderer be established in

the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man

PSALM 140 to overthrow him."

1 2a know that the LORD will maintain

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;

The cause of the afflicted, And justice

Preserve me from violent men,

for the poor.

2Who plan evil things in their hearts; 3

They continually gather together for war. 1 Surely the righteous shall give thanks

to Your name; The upright shall dwell in

3They sharpen their tongues like a Your presence. serpent; The poison of asps is under

their lips.Selah PSALM 141

4 1LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out

men, Who have purposed to make my to You. steps stumble.

2 Let my prayer be set before You as

5 incense, The lifting up of my hands as The proud have hidden a snare for me,

and cords; They have spread a net by the evening sacrifice. the wayside; They have set traps for

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me.Selah Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;

Keep watch over the door of my lips.

6I said to the LORD: "You are my God;

Hear the voice of my supplications, O 4Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, LORD. To practice wicked works With men who

work iniquity; And do not let me eat of

7 their delicacies. O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in

the day of battle. 5Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a

kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall

'Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of be as excellent oil; Let my head not

the wicked; Do not further his wicked refuse it. For still my prayer is against

scheme, Lest they be exalted. Selah the deeds of the wicked.

"As for the head of those who surround 6 Their judges are overthrown by the

me, Let the evil of their lips cover them; sides of the cliff, And they hear my

words, for they are sweet.

77 Our bones are scattered at the mouth Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may of the grave, As when one plows and praise Your name;
The righteous shall

breaks up the earth. surround me, For You shall deal

bountifully with me."

8But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the

Lord; In You I take refuge; Do not leave **PSALM 143** my soul
destitute.

1Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to

'Keep me from the snares they have my supplications! In Your
faithfulness

laid for me, And from the traps of the answer me, And in Your
righteousness.

workers of iniquity.

2 Do not enter into judgment with Your

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, servant, For in Your sight no
one living

While I escape safely. is righteous.

PSALM 142 3

For the enemy has persecuted my soul;

He has crushed my life to the ground;

¹ He has made me dwell in darkness, Like ¹ cry out to the LORD with my voice;

With my voice to the LORD I make my those who have long been dead. supplication.

⁴ Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed

² within me; My heart within me is ¹ pour out my complaint before Him; I

declare before Him my trouble. distressed.

³When my spirit was overwhelmed ⁵

¹ remember the days of old; I meditate

within me, Then You knew my path. In on all Your works; I muse on the work of

the way in which I walk They have Your hands.

secretly set a snare for me. I I spread out my hands to You; My soul

⁴ longs for You like a thirsty land. Selah Look on my right hand and see, For

there is no one who acknowledges me;

Refuge has failed me; No one cares for ⁷Answer me speedily, O LORD; My spirit my soul. fails! Do not hide Your face from me,

Lest I be like those who go down into

5 the pit. 1 cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge, My
portion in the land of

the living. 8Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness

in the morning, For in You do I trust;

6 Cause me to know the way in which I Attend to my cry, For I am
brought very

low; Deliver me from my persecutors, should walk, For I lift up my
soul to You.

For they are stronger than I.

'Deliver me, O LORD, from my

enemies; In You I take shelter.

1 8 OTeach me to do Your will, For You are

Whose mouth speaks lying words, And

my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in whose right hand is a right
hand of

the land of uprightness. falsehood.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's 'I will sing a new song to You,
O God;

sake! For Your righteousness' sake On a harp of ten strings I will sing
bring my soul out of trouble. praises to You,

1 1 0 2 n Your mercy cut off my enemies, And

The One who gives salvation to kings,

destroy all those who afflict my soul; For Who delivers David His
servant From

I am Your servant. the deadly sword.

1 1Rescue me and deliver me from the

PSALM 144

hand of foreigners, Whose mouth

1 speaks lying words, And whose right

Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who

hand is a right hand of falsehood--

trains my hands for war, And my fingers

for battle-- 1 2That our sons may be as plants grown 2 up in their
youth; That our daughters

My lovingkindness and my fortress, My

may be as pillars, Sculptured in palace

high tower and my deliverer, My shield

style;

and the One in whom I take refuge, Who

subdues my people under me. 13That our barns may be full, Supplying

3LORD, what is man, that You take all kinds of produce; That our
sheep

may bring forth thousands And ten

knowledge of him? Or the son of man,

thousands in our fields;

that You are mindful of him?

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4 That our oxen may be well laden; That

Man is like a breath; His days are like a

there be no breaking in or going out;

passing shadow.

That there be no outcry in our streets.

5Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, 5Happy are the people who are in such

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and come down; Touch the mountains,

a state; Happy are the people whose

and they shall smoke.

God is the LORD!

6Flash forth lightning and scatter them;

Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them. **PSALM 145**

7 1 I will extol You, my God, O King; And I Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great will bless Your name forever and ever.

waters, From the hand of foreigners,

2 Every day I will bless You, And I will

praise Your name forever and ever.

3Great is the LORD, and greatly to be 15The eyes of all look expectantly to You, praised; And His greatness is And You give them their food in due unsearchable. season.

4 1 One generation shall praise Your works 6 ou open Your hand And satisfy the to another, And shall declare Your desire of every living thing. mighty acts.

The LORD is righteous in all His ways,

51 will meditate on the glorious splendor Gracious in all His works. of
Your majesty, And on Your wondrous

works. 18The LORD is near to all who call upon

Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

6Men shall speak of the might of Your

awesome acts, And I will declare Your 1' He will fulfill the desire of
those who greatness. fear Him; He also will hear their cry and

save them.

7They shall utter the memory of Your

great goodness, And shall sing of Your 2 0The LORD preserves all who
love Him, righteousness. But all the wicked He will destroy.

8The LORD is gracious and full of 1My mouth shall speak the praise of
the

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compassion, Slow to anger and great in LORD, And all flesh shall bless
His holy

mercy. name Forever and ever.

The LORD is good to all, And His **PSALM 146**

tender mercies are over all His works.

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0All Your works shall praise You, O 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the
LORD, O

my soul!

LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

7Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who prepares rain for the earth, Who

Who gives food to the hungry. The makes grass to grow on the mountains.

LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

9 He gives to the beast its food, And to

8The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the young ravens that cry. The LORD raises those who are bowed

down; The LORD loves the righteous. 10He does not delight in the strength of

the horse; He takes no pleasure in the

"The LORD watches over the strangers; legs of a man. He relieves the fatherless and widow;

But the way of the wicked He turns 11 The LORD takes pleasure in those upside down. who fear Him, In those who hope in His

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0The LORD shall reign forever-- Your mercy.

God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise 12Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise the LORD! your God, O Zion!

PSALM 147 13For He has strengthened the bars of

your gates; He has blessed your

1 children within you. Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing

praises to our God; For it is pleasant, 4He makes peace in your borders, And

and praise is beautiful. 1

fills you with the finest wheat.

2The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He 5He sends out His command to
the

gathers together the outcasts of Israel. 1

earth; His word runs very swiftly.

3He heals the brokenhearted And binds

up their wounds. 1 6He gives snow like wool; He scatters

the frost like ashes;

4He counts the number of the stars; He

1 7

calls them all by name. He casts out His hail like morsels;

Who can stand before His cold?

5Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; 8He sends out His word and
melts

His understanding is infinite. 1

them; He causes His wind to blow, and

6 the waters flow. The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked
down to the ground.

1 1 1 9He declares His word to Jacob, His

Kings of the earth and all peoples;

statutes and His judgments to Israel. Princes and all judges of the
earth;

2 1 2 0He has not dealt thus with any nation;

Both young men and maidens; Old

And as for His judgments, they have not men and children. known them. Praise the LORD!

1 3 Let them praise the name of the LORD,

PSALM 148 For His name alone is exalted; His glory
is above the earth and heaven.

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD

from the heavens; Praise Him in the And He has exalted the horn of
His 1 4

heights! people, The praise of all His saints-- Of

the children of Israel, A people near to

2 Him. Praise the LORD!

Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him,

all His hosts!

PSALM 149

3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him,

all you stars of light! 1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a

new song, And His praise in the

4 assembly of saints. Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you
waters above the heavens!

2 Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the

5 children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise the name of
the LORD,

For He commanded and they were

3

created. Let them praise His name with the

dance; Let them sing praises to Him

6 with the timbrel and harp. He also established them forever and
ever; He made a decree which shall not

pass away. 4For the LORD takes pleasure in His

people; He will beautify the humble with

7 salvation. Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures
and all the depths;

5Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let

8 them sing aloud on their beds. Fire and hail, snow and clouds;
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

6 Let the high praises of God be in their

'Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees mouth, And a two-edged sword
in their

and all cedars; hand,

1 To execute vengeance on the nations,

0Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things 7

and flying fowl; And punishments on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings with chains, And 3Praise Him with the sound of
the

their nobles with fetters of iron; trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and

harp!

7To execute on them the written

judgment-- This honor have all His 4 Praise Him with the timbrel and
dance; saints. Praise the LORD! Praise Him with stringed instruments

and flutes!

PSALM 150 5Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise

1 Hĭm with clashing cymbals!

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His

sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty 6 Let everything that has breath
praise firmament!

the LORD. Praise the LORD!

2Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise

Him according to His excellent

greatness!



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